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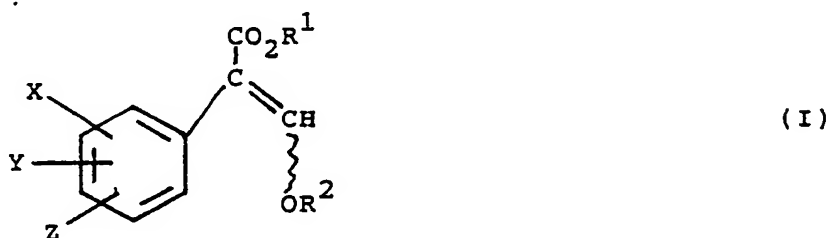
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Description

This invention relates to derivatives of acrylic acid useful as fungicides, to processes for preparing them, to fungicidal compositions containing them, and to methods of combating fungi, especially fungal infections in plants, using them.

The invention concerns compounds having the general formula (I):

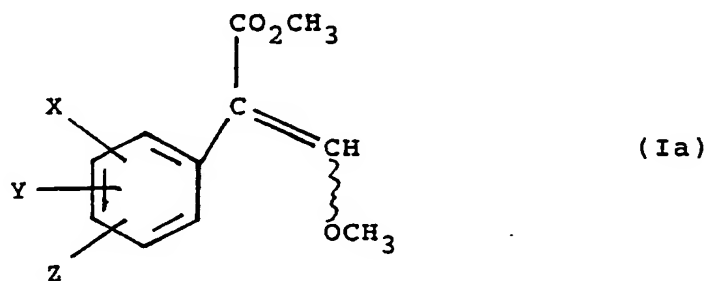


and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl (including haloalkyl), optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-CO_2R^3$, $-CONR^4R^5$, $-COR^6$, $-CR^7=NR^8$, or $-N=CR^9R^{10}$ groups or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when R^1 and R^2 are both methyl, Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinyl; or when R^1 and R^2 are both methyl and Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , and R^{10} , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

These compounds have pesticidal and/or plant growth regulating properties and the invention provides compositions comprising such a compound as an active ingredient, together with a carrier therefor. Furthermore, the compounds of the above general formula (I), where R^1 and R^2 are each methyl are novel compounds provided X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy. The invention also provides the novel compounds.

The disclaimed methyl α -(substituted)phenyl- β -methoxyacrylates are known (see, for example, Chemical Abstracts 95(25):219849d, 96(21):180903k, and CA98(17):143453j), but not for pesticidal or plant growth regulating purposes.

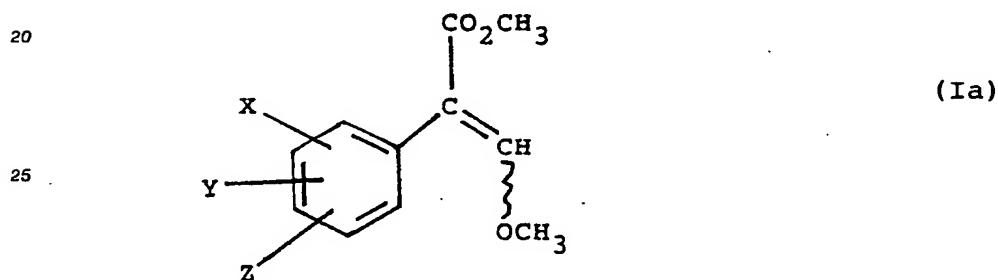
Therefore, in one aspect, the invention provides compounds having the general formula (Ia):



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or

halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl (including haloalkyl), optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or when Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or when Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or when Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinyl; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

In another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (Ia):

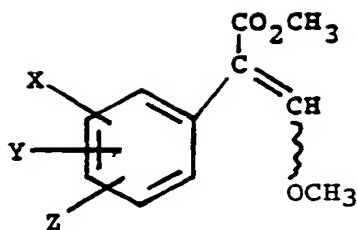


and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl (including haloalkyl), optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not-methoxy; and R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

The compounds of the invention contain at least one carbon-carbon double bond, and are sometimes obtained in the form of mixtures of geometric isomers. However, these mixtures can be separated into individual isomers, and this invention embraces such isomers.

Alkyl groups can be in the form of straight or branched chains, and preferably contain 1 to 6 carbon atoms; examples are methyl, ethyl, propyl, (n- or iso- propyl) and butyl (n-, sec-, iso- or t-butyl). The methyl group is the preferred alkyl group for both R¹ and R².

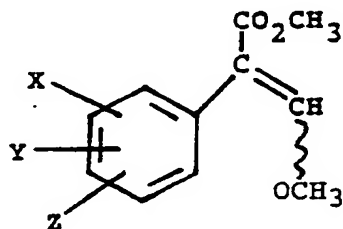
In a further aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (Ia):



(Ia)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl (including haloalkyl), optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

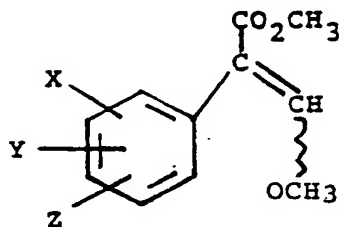
In another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (Ia):



(Ia)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl (including haloalkyl), optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted amino, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused aromatic ring, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted aralkyl groups.

In a still further aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (Ia):

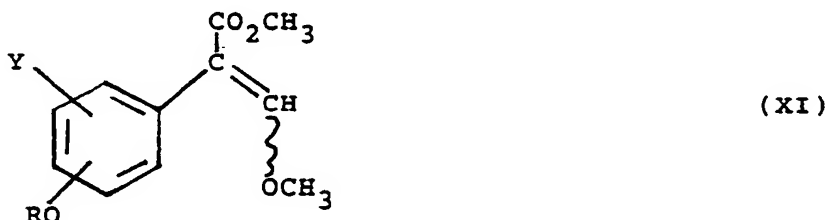


(Ia)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, or C_1-4 alkyl, C_2-5 alkenyl, C_2-5 alkynyl, phenyl, C_1-4 haloalkyl, C_1-4 alkoxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy or mono- or dialkylamino groups, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, join to form a fused aromatic ring, the aliphatic moieties of any of the

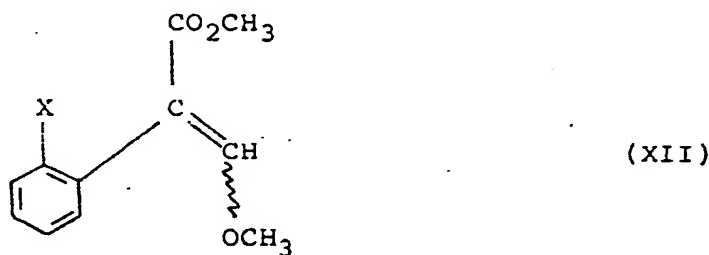
foregoing being optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₄ alkoxy groups, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings which themselves are optionally substituted, heterocyclic rings which are either aromatic or non-aromatic and are themselves optionally substituted, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyl or carboxyl groups; and wherein the phenyl moieties of any of the foregoing are optionally substituted with one or more fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyl or carboxyl groups.

In yet another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XI):



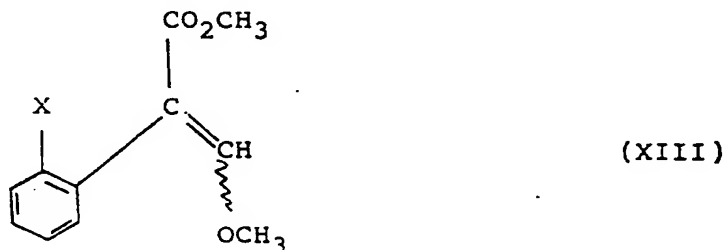
20 wherein R is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group, and Y is hydrogen or a halogen (fluorine, chlorine or bromine) atom or a methyl, methoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group.

In another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XII):



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy group, each of which is optionally substituted.

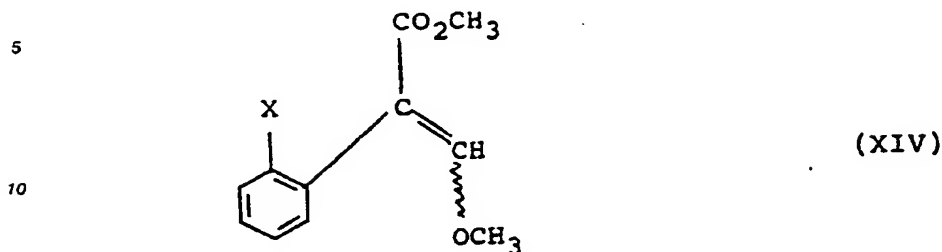
In a further aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XIII):



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, or optionally substituted alkynyl group.

55 In particular the invention, in a still further aspect, provides compounds wherein the optional substituents in the foregoing paragraph are phenyl, itself optionally substituted with one or more of the following: fluorine, chlorine, bromine, C₁₋₄ alkyl (especially methyl), C₁₋₄ alkoxy (especially methoxy), or nitro.

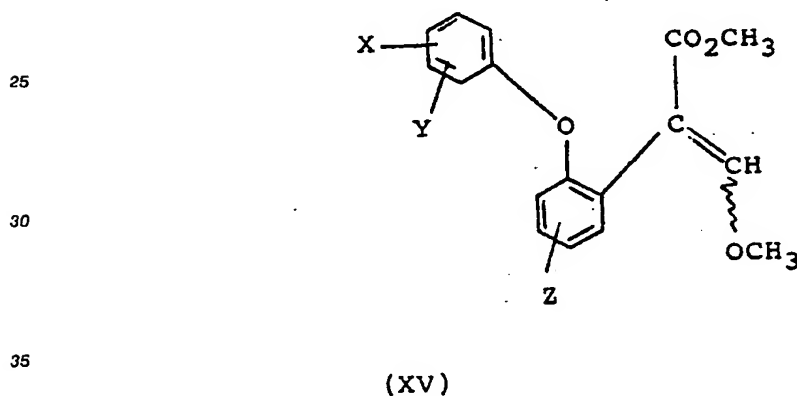
In a still further aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XIV) :



15 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted aryloxy group or an optionally substituted arylalkoxy group.

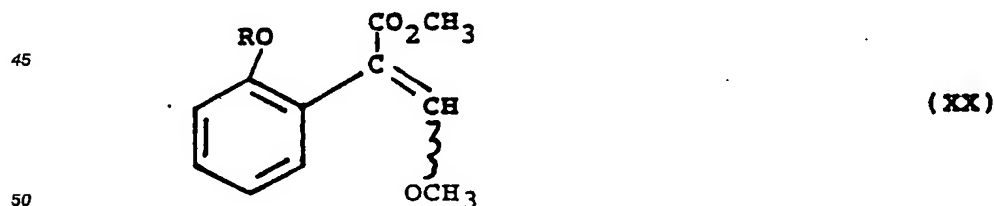
In the foregoing paragraph X can be phenoxy or benzyloxy, either of which can be optionally substituted with one or more halogens (fluorine, chlorine or bromine) or a methyl, methoxyl, ethyl, ethoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group.

20 In a yet further aspect the invention provides compound having the general formula (XV) :



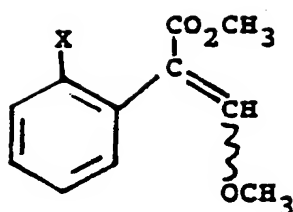
40 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or hydrogen atoms, or methyl, methoxyl or nitro groups.

In yet another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XX):



55 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein R is hydrogen, cyclohexyl, allyl, E-(3-phenyl)allyl, methallyl, E-crotyl, 2-tetrahydropyranyl, pyridyl, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl), pyrimidinyl, methylsulphenylmethyl and phenylsulphenylmethyl.

In yet another aspect the invention provides compounds having the general formula (XIV):



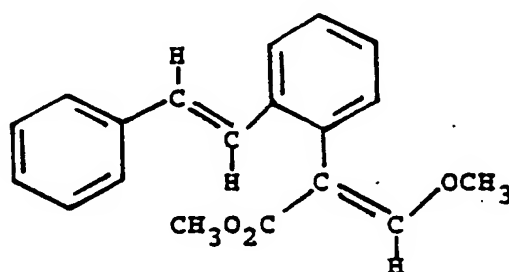
(XIV)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is phenylsulphenyl or phenylsulphinyl.

The foregoing compounds include those in which the acrylate group has the E geometry.

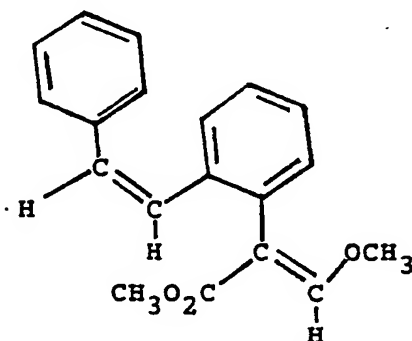
The invention provides the compounds:

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(Compound No. 9 of Table I)

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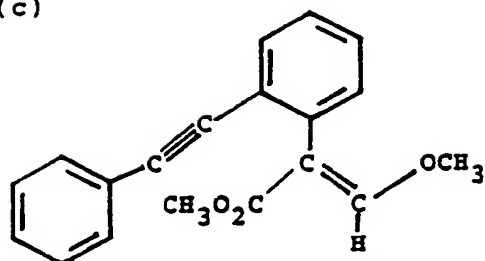


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(c)

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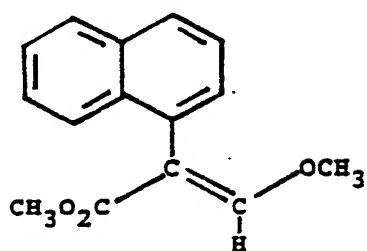


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(d)

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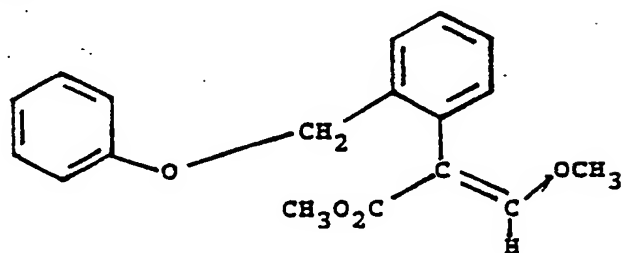


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(e)

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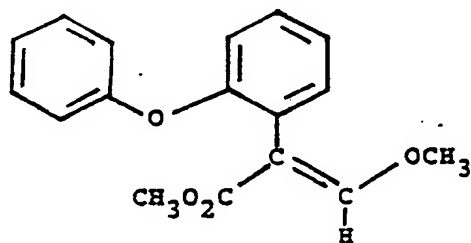


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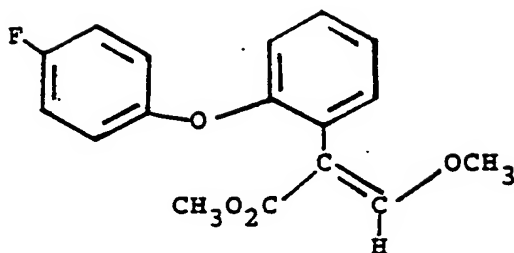
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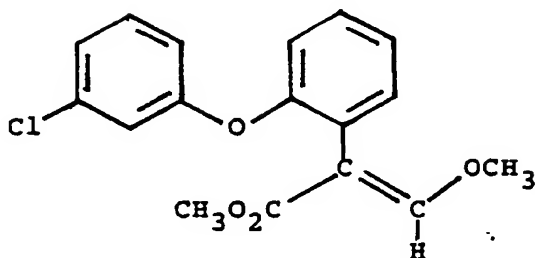
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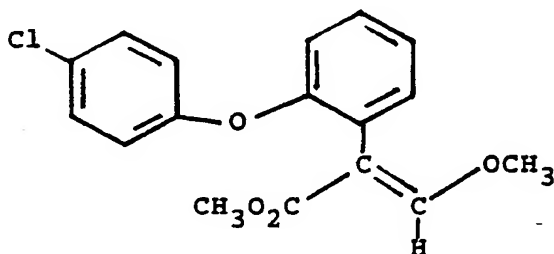
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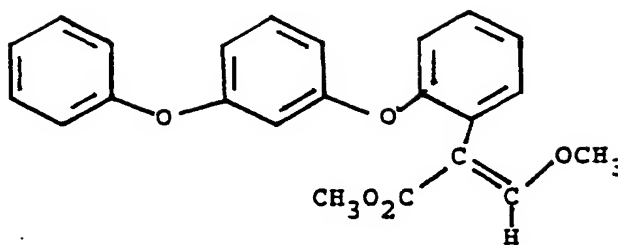
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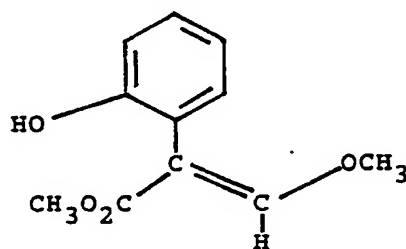
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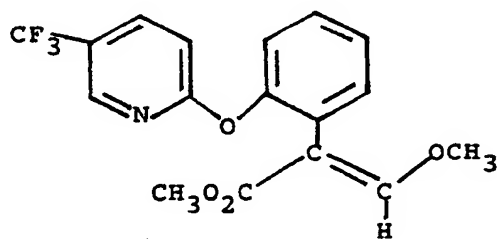
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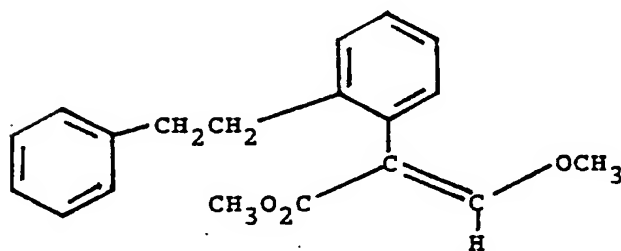
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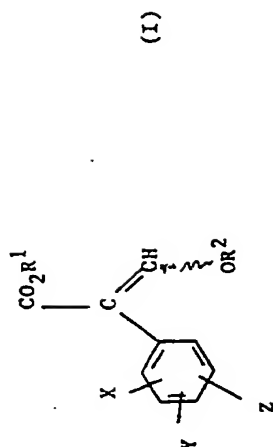
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(m)



(Compound No. 1 of Table IV)

TABLE I



Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
1	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	H	H	37-38	7.55	E
2	CH ₃	CH ₃	H	H	H	oil	6.65	Z
3	CH ₃ CH ₂	CH ₃	H	H	H	oil	7.53	E
4	CH ₃	CH ₃ CH ₂	H	H	H	oil	7.62	E
5	CH ₃ CH ₂	CH ₃ CH ₂	H	H	H	oil	7.62	E
6	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	CH ₃	H	H	H	oil	7.56	E
7	CH ₃	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	H	H	H	37-38	7.67	E
8	(CH ₃) ₃ C	CH ₃	H	H	H	oil	7.44	E
9	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	107-108	7.63	E
10	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	oil	6.57	Z
11	CH ₃	CH ₃	3-(E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	104-105	7.58	F
12	CH ₃	CH ₃	4-(E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	75-76	7.56	I

TABLE I (cont.)

Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	Isomer [†]
13	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(Z-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	oil	7.50	E
14	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(Z-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	93-94	6.34	Z
15	(CH ₃) ₃ C	CH ₃	2-(Z-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	oil	7.37	E
16	CH ₃	(CH ₃) ₃ C	2-(Z-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CH)	H	H	oil	7.87	E
17	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)	H	H			E
18	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂	H	H			E
19	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ C:C	H	H	86-87	7.58	E
20	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₂ :CH	H	H	oil	7.57	E
21	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-Cl	H	H	65-66	7.60	E
22	CH ₃	CH ₃	4-Cl	H	H	61-62	7.56	E
23	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-Cl	4-Cl	H	68-69	7.56	E
24	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-Cl	6-Cl	H	141-142	7.61	E
25	CH ₃	CH ₃	3-Cl	5-Cl	H	126-127	7.58	E
26	CH ₃	CH ₃	3-Cl	5-Cl	H	oil	6.70	Z
27	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-Cl	6-F	H	79-80	7.62	E
28	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₃	H	H	oil	7.55	E
29	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₃	H	H	62-63	6.52	Z
30	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(CO ₂ CH ₃)	H	H	oil	7.52	E
31	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-CF ₃	H	H	65-66	7.56	E
32	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅	H	H	106-107	7.34	E

TABLE I (cont)

Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
33	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ N(CH ₃)CO	H	H	82-85	7.30	E
34	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CON(CH ₃)	H	H			E
35	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CO	H	H			E
36	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CO ₂	H	H			E
37	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ O ₂ C	H	H			E
38	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(CH ₃) ₃ CO ₂ C	H	H			E
39	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(cyclohexyl)O ₂ C	H	H			E
40	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	H	H	oil	7.48	E
41	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄)CH ₂	H	H			E
42	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄)CH ₂	H	H	oil	7.50	E
43	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ (CH ₃) ₂ C	H	H			E
44	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CH(OH)	H	H			E
45	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-NO ₂	H	H	oil	under aromatics	E
46	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-NH ₂	H	H			E
47	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ N:N	H	H			E
48	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(4-(CH ₃) ₂ N-C ₆ H ₄ N:N)	H	H			E
49	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄ N:N)	H	H			E
50	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-CH ₃ O ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂	H	H			E

TABLE 1 (cont)



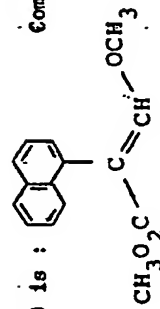
Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
51	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(CH ₃) ₂ CH	H	H	oil	7.51	E
52	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ S	H	H	oil	under aromatics	E
53	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ S(O)	H	H	oil	under aromatics	E
54	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ S(O) ₂	H	H	147-148 decomp.	under aromatics	E
55	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E- )	H	H	oil	7.63	E
56	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E- )	H	H	107.5-110	6.56	Z
57	CH ₃	CH ₃	3-C ₆ H ₅ O	H	H	oil	7.54	E
58	CH ₃	CH ₃	4-C ₆ H ₅ O	H	H	97-98	7.54	E
59	CH ₃	CH ₃	4-C ₆ H ₅ O	H	H	oil	6.64	Z

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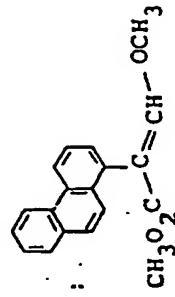
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60	CH ₃	CH ₃	φ	φ	H	124-125	7.47	E
61	CH ₃	CH ₃	φ	φ	H	83-84	7.63	E
62	CH ₃	CH ₃	φ	φ	H			E
63	CH ₃	CH ₃	φ	φ	φ			E
64	CH ₃	CH ₃	φ	φ	H	122-123	7.73	E

† Substituents are fused rings.

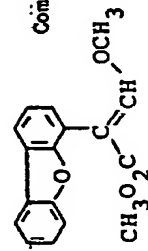
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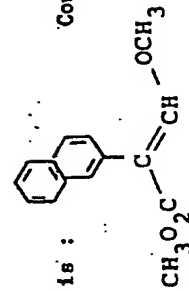
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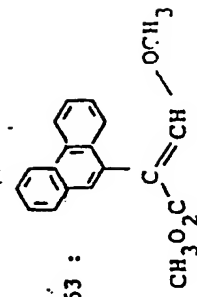


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Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
65	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(C ₆ H ₅ N(CH ₃))	H	H	oil	under aromatics	E
66	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄ CO)	H	H	oil	7.32	E
67	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ OCCH ₂	H	H			E
68	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CH(CH ₃)CH ₂	H	H			E
69	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃) ₂ CH ₂	H	H			E
70	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-()	H	H			E
71	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄ CH:CH)	H	H			E
72	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-4-F-C ₆ H ₄ CH:CH)	H	H			E
73	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-2,6-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃ CH:CH)	H	H			E
74	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃):C(CH ₃))	H	H			E

TABLE I (cont)





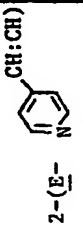

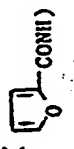
Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
75	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃):CH)	H	H			E
76	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-C ₆ H ₅ CH: C(CH ₃))	H	H			E
77	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-  -CH:CH)	H	H			E
78	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-  -CH:CH)	H	H			Z
79	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ OCH ₂	H	H			Z
80	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ OCH(CH ₃)	H	H			E
81	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ OC(CH ₃) ₂	H	H			E
82	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃) ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂	H	H			E
83	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-  -CH:CH)	H	H			E
84	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(E-  -CH:CH)	H	H			E

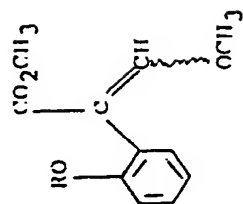
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Compound No.	R ¹	R ²	X	Y	Z	Melting point (°C)	olefinic ⁺	isomer ⁺
85	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-()	H	H			E
86	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-(C ₆ H ₅) ₂ C:CH	H	H			E
87	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-()	H	H			E
88	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ CONH	H	H	99-100	under aromatics	E
89	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-C ₆ H ₅ NHCO	H	H			E
90	CH ₃	CH ₃	2-()	H	H			E

* Chemical shift of singlet from olefinic proton on beta-methoxyacrylate group (ppm from tetramethylsilane). Solvent : CDCl₃

+ Geometry of the beta-methoxyacrylate group

TABLE II



Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
1	C ₆ H ₅	oil	7.47	E
2	2-F-C ₆ H ₄			E
3	3-F-C ₆ H ₄			E
4	4-F-C ₆ H ₄	77-78	7.50	E
5	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil	7.46	E
6	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil	7.45	E
7	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil	7.48	E
8	2-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
9	3-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
10	4-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
11	2-I-C ₆ H ₄			E

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
12	3-I-C ₆ H ₄	80-81	7.50	E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E
13	4-I-C ₆ H ₄			
14	2-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			
15	3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			
16	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			
17	2-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
18	3-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
19	4-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
20	2-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			
21	3-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			
22	4-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			
23	2-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			
24	3-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			
25	4-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			
26	2-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			
27	3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
28	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄	oil	7.51	E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E
29	2-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			
30	3-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			
31	4-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			
32	2-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			
33	3-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			
34	4-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			
35	2-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
36	3-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
37	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
38	2-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
39	3-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
40	4-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			
41	2-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			
42	3-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			
43	4-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			
44	2-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			
45	3-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
46	4-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
47	2-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
48	3-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
49	4-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
50	2-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
51	3-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
52	4-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
53	2-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
54	3-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
55	4-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
56	2-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
57	3-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
58	4-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
59	2,3-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
60	2,4-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R.	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
61	2,5-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
62	2,6-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
63	3,4-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
64	3,5-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
65	2,3-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
66	2,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	oil	7.48	E
67	2,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
68	2,6-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃	132-133	7.62	E
69	3,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
70	3,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
71	2,3-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
72	2,4-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
73	2,5-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
74	2,6-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
75	3,4-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE II (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
76	3,5-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
77	2,3-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
78	2,4-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
79	2,5-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
80	2,6-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
81	3,4-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
82	3,5-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
83	2-F,3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
84	2-F,4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
85	2-F,5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
86	2-F,6-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
87	3-F,4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
88	3-F,5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
89	2-Cl-3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
90	2-Cl,4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE II (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
91	2-Cl, 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
92	3-Cl, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
93	2-F, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
94	2-F, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
95	2-F, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
96	2-F, 6-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
97	3-F, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
98	3-F, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
99	2-CH ₃ , 3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
100	2-CH ₃ , 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
101	2-CH ₃ , 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
102	3-CH ₃ , 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
103	2-F, 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
104	2-F, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
105	2-F, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
106	2-F, 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
107	3-F, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
108	3-F, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
109	2-CH ₃ O, 3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
110	2-CH ₃ O, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
111	2-CH ₃ O, 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
112	3-CH ₃ O, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
113	2-Cl, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
114	2-Cl, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
115	2-Cl, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
116	2-Cl, 6-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
117	3-Cl, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
118	3-Cl, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
119	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
120	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
121	2-CH ₃ , 5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
122	3-CH ₃ , 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE II (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
123	2-Cl, 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
124	2-Cl, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
125	2-Cl, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
126	2-Cl, 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
127	3-Cl, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
128	3-Cl, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
129	2-CH ₃ O, 3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			
130	2-CH ₃ O, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			
131	2-CH ₃ O, 5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			
132	3-CH ₃ O, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			
133	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
134	2-CH ₃ , 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
135	2-CH ₃ , 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
136	2-CH ₃ , 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
137	3-CH ₃ , 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
138	3-CH ₃ , 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			
139	2-CH ₃ O, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			

TABLE II (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
140	2-CH ₃ O, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			
141	2-CH ₃ O, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			
142	3-CH ₃ O, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			
143	2, 4, 6-tri-F-C ₆ H ₂			
144	2, 4, 6-tri-Cl-C ₆ H ₂			
145	2, 4, 6-tri-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₂			
146	2, 6-di-F, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₂			
147	2, 6-di-Me, 4-F-C ₆ H ₂			
148	2, 6-di-Cl, 4-F-C ₆ H ₂			
149	2, 3, 5, 6-tetra-Cl-C ₆ H			
150	Pentafluorophenyl			
151	Pentachlorophenyl			
152	H			
153	CH ₃			
154	CH ₃ CH ₂			
155	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂			
		oil	7.52	

TABLE II (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
156	(CH ₃) ₂ CH			E
157	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂			E
158	(CH ₃) ₃ C			E
159	Cyclohexyl	oil	7.38	E
160	CH ₂ :CHCH ₂	oil	7.46	E
161	E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CHCH ₂	oil	7.46	E
162	CH ₂ :C(CH ₃)CH ₂			E
163	E-CH ₃ CH:CHCH ₂			E
164	2-tetrahydropyranyl			E
165	2-pyridyl	oil	7.43	E
166	3-pyridyl			E
167	4-pyridyl			E
168	2-(5'-CF ₃ -pyridyl)			E
169	2-pyrimidyl			E
170	4-pyrimidyl			E
171	5-pyrimidyl			E

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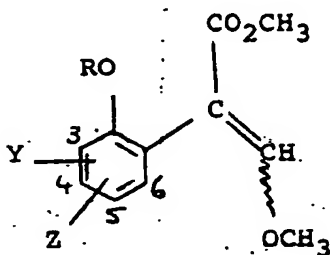
Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
172	3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl			E
173	1-naphthyl			E
174	2-naphthyl			E
175	CH ₃ SCH ₂			E
176	C ₆ H ₅ SCH ₂			E
177	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂	76-77	7.49	E
178	C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃) ₂			E
179	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄ C(CH ₃) ₂			E
180	CH ₃	74-75	6.55	Z
181	C ₆ H ₅	oil	6.60	Z

* Chemical shift of singlet from olefinic proton on beta-methoxyacrylate group (ppm from tetramethylsilane).

Solvent : CDCl₃

† Geometry of beta-methoxyacrylate group

Table III below embraces compounds of the general formula :



wherein the group R includes all the groups R listed in Table II for each of the following substitution patterns on the phenyl ring shown above. The acrylate group may have either the E- or the Z-geometry in each case.

TABLE III

Y	Z
3-F	H
4-F	H
5-F	H
6-F	H
3-Cl	H
4-Cl	H
5-Cl	H
6-Cl	H
3-CH ₃	H
4-CH ₃	H
5-CH ₃	H
6-CH ₃	H
3-NO ₂	H
4-NO ₂	H
5-NO ₂	H

Y	Z
6-NO ₂	H
5-CF ₃	H
3-NO ₂	5-Cl
3-NO ₂	5-NO ₂
5-SCH ₃	H
4-CH ₃ O	5-CH ₃ O
4-(CH ₃) ₂ N	H
4,5-methylenedioxy	

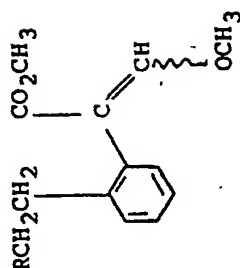
Specific examples of compounds of the type shown in Table III are as follows :

Compound No.	R	Y	Z	Melting Point (°C)	Olefinic*	Isomer +
1	C ₆ H ₅	3-Cl	H			m m
2	C ₆ H ₅	4-NO ₂	H			m m
3	C ₆ H ₅	5-Cl	H	oil	7.47	m m
4	C ₆ H ₅	6-NO ₂	H			m m
5	C ₆ H ₅	5-NO ₂	H	oil	7.60	m m

* Chemical shift of singlet from olefinic proton on beta-methoxyacrylate group (ppm from tetramethylsilane). Solvent CDCl₃

+ Geometry of beta-methoxyacrylate group.

TABLE IV



Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer+
1	C ₆ H ₅			E
2	2-F-C ₆ H ₄		7.59	E
3	3-F-C ₆ H ₄			E
4	4-F-C ₆ H ₄			E
5	2-Cl-C ₆ H ₄	oil		E
6	3-Cl-C ₆ H ₄			E
7	4-Cl-C ₆ H ₄			E
8	2-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
9	3-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
10	4-Br-C ₆ H ₄			E
11	2-I-C ₆ H ₄			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
12	3-I-C ₆ H ₄			E
13	4-I-C ₆ H ₄			E
14	2-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			E
15	3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			E
16	4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₄			E
17	2-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
18	3-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
19	4-CH ₃ CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
20	2-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			E
21	3-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			E
22	4-(CH ₃) ₂ CH-C ₆ H ₄			E
23	2-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
24	3-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
25	4-(CH ₃) ₃ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
26	2-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
27	3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
28	4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
29	2-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
30	3-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
31	4-CF ₃ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
32	2-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
33	3-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
34	4-C ₆ H ₅ O-C ₆ H ₄			E
35	2-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
36	3-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
37	4-NO ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
38	2-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
39	3-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
40	4-NH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄			E
41	2-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			E
42	3-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			E
43	4-C ₆ H ₅ -C ₆ H ₄			E
44	2-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
45	3-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
46	4-HO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
47	2-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
48	3-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
49	4-CH ₃ O ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄			E
50	2-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
51	3-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
52	4-(CN)-C ₆ H ₄			E
53	2-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
54	3-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
55	4-HO-C ₆ H ₄			E
56	2-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
57	3-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
58	4-CH ₃ C(O)NH-C ₆ H ₄			E
59	2,3-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
60	2,4-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
61	2,5-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
62	2,6-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
63	3,4-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
64	3,5-di-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
65	2,3-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
66	2,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
67	2,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
68	2,6-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
69	3,4-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
70	3,5-di-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
71	2,3-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
72	2,4-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
73	2,5-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
74	2,6-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
75	3,4-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont.)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
76	3,5-di-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
77	2,3-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
78	2,4-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
79	2,5-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
80	2,6-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
81	3,4-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
82	3,5-di-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
83	2-F,3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
84	2-F,4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
85	2-F,5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
86	2-F,6-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
87	3-F,4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
88	3-F,5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
89	2-Cl-3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
90	2-Cl,4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
91	2-Cl, 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
92	3-Cl, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
93	2-F, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
94	2-F, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
95	2-F, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
96	2-F, 6-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
97	3-F, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
98	3-F, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
99	2-CH ₃ , 3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
100	2-CH ₃ , 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
101	2-CH ₃ , 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
102	3-CH ₃ , 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
103	2-F, 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
104	2-F, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
105	2-F, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
106	2-F, 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
107	3-F, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
108	3-F, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
109	2-CH ₃ O, 3-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
110	2-CH ₃ O, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
111	2-CH ₃ O, 5-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
112	3-CH ₃ O, 4-F-C ₆ H ₃			E
113	2-Cl, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
114	2-Cl, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
115	2-Cl, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
116	2-Cl, 6-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
117	3-Cl, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
118	3-Cl, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
119	2-CH ₃ , 3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
120	2-CH ₃ , 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
121	2-CH ₃ , 5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
122	3-CH ₃ , 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
123	2-Cl, 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
124	2-Cl, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
125	2-Cl, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
126	2-Cl, 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
127	3-Cl, 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
128	3-Cl, 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
129	2-CH ₃ O, 3-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
130	2-CH ₃ O, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
131	2-CH ₃ O, 5-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
132	3-CH ₃ O, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₃			E
133	2-CH ₃ , 3-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
134	2-CH ₃ , 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
135	2-CH ₃ , 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
136	2-CH ₃ , 6-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
137	3-CH ₃ , 4-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
138	3-CH ₃ , 5-CH ₃ O-C ₆ H ₃			E
139	2-CH ₃ O, 3-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer [†]
140	2-CH ₃ O, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
141	2-CH ₃ O, 5-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
142	3-CH ₃ O, 4-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₃			E
143	2, 4, 6-tri-F-C ₆ H ₂			E
144	2, 4, 6-tri-Cl-C ₆ H ₂			E
145	2, 4, 6-tri-CH ₃ -C ₆ H ₂			E
146	2, 6-di-F, 4-Cl-C ₆ H ₂			E
147	2, 6-di-Me, 4-F-C ₆ H ₂			E
148	2, 6-di-Cl, 4-F-C ₆ H ₂			E
149	2, 3, 5, 6-tetra-Cl-C ₆ H			E
150	Pentafluorophenyl			E
151	Pentachlorophenyl			E
152	H			E
153	CH ₃			E
154	CH ₃ CH ₂			E
155	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer ⁺
156	(CH ₃) ₂ CH			E
157	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂			E
158	(CH ₃) ₃ C			E
159	Cyclohexyl			E
160	CH ₂ :CHCH ₂			E
161	E-C ₆ H ₅ CH:CHCH ₂			E
162	CH ₂ :C(CH ₃)CH ₂			E
163	E-CH ₃ CH:CHCH ₂			E
164	2-tetrahydropyranyl			E
165	2-pyridyl			E
166	3-pyridyl			E
167	4-pyridyl			E
168	2-(5'-CF ₃ -pyridyl)			E
169	2-pyrimidyl			E
170	4-pyrimidyl			E
171	5-pyrimidyl			E

TABLE IV (cont)

Compound No.	R	Melting point (°C)	olefinic*	isomer†
172	3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl			E
173	1-naphthyl			E
174	2-naphthyl			E
175	CH ₃ SCH ₂			E
176	C ₆ H ₅ SCH ₂			E
177	C ₆ H ₅		6.24	Z
178	2-furyl	oil		E
179	3-furyl			E
180	2-thiophenyl			E
181	3-thiophenyl			E
182	2-pyrrolyl			E
183	3-pyrrolyl			E
184	C ₆ H ₅ CH ₂			E
185	C ₆ H ₅ CH(CH ₃)			E
186	C ₆ H ₅ C(CH ₃) ₂			E

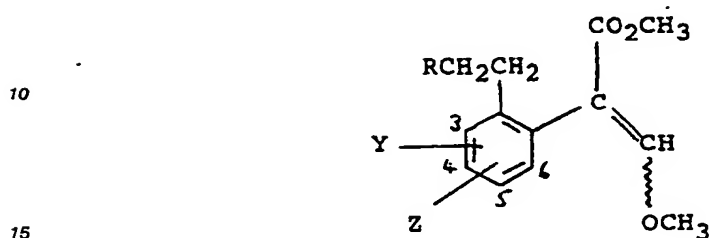
* Chemical shift of singlet from olefinic proton on beta-methoxyacrylate group (ppm from tetramethylsilane).

Solvent : CDCl₃

† Geometry of beta-methoxyacrylate group

TABLE V

5 Table V embraces compounds of the general formula :



wherein the group R includes all the group R listed in
 20 Table IV for each of the following substitution patterns on
 the phenyl ring shown above. The acrylate group may have
 either the E- or the Z-geometry in each case.

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	Y	Z
30	3-F	H
	4-F	H
	5-F	H
	6-F	H
35	3-Cl	H
	4-Cl	H
	5-Cl	H
	6-Cl	H
40	3-CH ₃	H
	4-CH ₃	H
	5-CH ₃	H
45	6-CH ₃	H
	3-NO ₂	H
	4-NO ₂	H
	5-NO ₂	H
50	6-NO ₂	H

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	Y	Z
5	5-CF ₃	H
	3-NO ₂	5-Cl
10	3-NO ₂	5-NO ₂
	5-SCH ₃	H
	4-CH ₃ O	5-CH ₃ O
15	4-(CH ₃) ₂ N	H
	4,5-methylenedioxy	

TABLE VI : SELECTED PROTON NMR DATA

Table VI shows selected proton nmr data for certain compounds described in Tables I to V and characterised therein as oils. Chemical shifts are measured in ppm from tetramethylsilane, and deuteriochloroform was used as solvent throughout. The following abbreviations are used:

br = broad t = triplet
s = singlet q = quartet
d = doublet m = multiplet

Compound No.	Table No.	
3	I	1.27(3H,t <u>J</u> 7Hz), 3.83 (3H,s), 4.21 (2H,q <u>J</u> 7Hz), 7.32 (5H,br s), 7.53 (1H,s)

Compound No.	Table No.	
4	I	1.30 (3H,t \underline{J} 7Hz), 3.72 (3H,s), 4.06 (2H,q \underline{J} 7Hz), 7.31 (5H,br s), 7.62 (1H,s).
5	I	1.27 and 1.31 (2 triplets \underline{J} 7Hz, each 3H), 4.08 and 4.22 (2 quartets \underline{J} 7Hz, each 2H), 7.33 (5H, br s), 7.62 (1H,s).
6	I	3.81 (3H,s), 5.21 (2H,s), 7.34 (10H,br s), 7.56 (1H,s).
8	I	1.49 (9H,s), 3.82 (3H,s), 7.31 (5H,br s), 7.44 (1H,s).
15	I	1.42 (9H,s), 3.70 (3H,s), 6.50 (2H,s), 7.37 (1H,s).
16	I	1.28 (9H,s), 3.83 (3H,s), 6.46 (2H,s), 7.87 (1H,s).
20	I	3.67 (3H,s), 3.79 (3H,s), 5.18 (1H, dd \underline{J} 11 and 1Hz), 5.65 (1H, dd \underline{J} 18 and 1 Hz), 6.68 (1H,dd \underline{J} 18 and 11Hz), 7.57 (1H,s).
26	I	3.78 (3H,s), 3.95 (3H,s), 6.70 (1H,s).
28	I	2.18 (3H,s), 3.68 (3H,s), 3.82 (3H,s), 7.55 (1H,s).

Compound No.	Table No.	
30	I	3.68 (3H,s), 3.83 (6H,s), 7.25-7.6 (3H,m), 7.52 (1H,s), 7.9-8.1 (1H,m).
40	I	3.60 (3H,s), 3.66 (3H,s), 3.87 (2H,s), 7.48 (1H,s).
42	I	3.60 (3H,s), 3.70 (3H,s), 3.75 (3H,s), 3.80 (2H,s), 7.50 (1H,s).
45	I	3.6 (3H,s), 3.75 (3H,s), 7.0-8.15 (5H,m).
52	I	3.66 (3H,s), 3.76 (3H,s), 7.51 (1H,s).
53	I	3.56 (3H,s), 3.73 (3H,s), 7.1-7.7 (9H,m), 7.9-8.1 (1H,m).
57	I	3.73 (3H,s), 3.85 (3H,s), 7.54 (1H,s).
59	I	3.77 (3H,s), 3.91 (3H,s), 6.64 (1H,s).
65	I	3.05 (3H,s), 3.43 (3H,s), 3.61 (3H,s).
66	I	3.53 (3H,s), 3.67 (3H,s), 3.85 (3H,s), 7.32 (1H,s).
5	II	3.63 (3H,s), 3.78 (3H,s), 6.80-7.40 (8H,m), 7.46 (1H,s).
6	II	3.60 (3H,s), 3.76 (3H,s), 6.8-7.0 (4H,m), 7.14-7.32 (4H,m), 7.45 (1H,s).
7	II	3.62 (3H,s), 3.77 (3H,s), 7.48 (1H,s).
28	II	3.66 (3H,s), 3.80 (3H,s), 3.82 (3H,s), 6.8-7.3 (8H,m), 7.51 (1H,s).
66	II	3.65 (3H,s), 3.79 (3H,s), 7.48 (1H,s).

Compound No.	Table No.	
153	II	3.70 (3H,s), 3.79 (3H,s), 3.82 (3H,s), 7.53 (1H,s).
159	II	1.1-2.1 (10H,m), 3.65 (3H,s), 3.76 (3H,s), 4.20 (1H,br s), 7.38 (1H,s).
160	II	3.63 (3H,s), 3.80 (3H,s), 4.51 (2H,d), 5.05-6.39 (3H,m), 6.70-7.35 (4H,m), 7.46 (1H,s).
161	II	3.60 (3H,s), 3.74 (3H,s), 4.66 (2H,d), 6.00-7.40 (11H,m), 7.46 (1H,s).
181	II	3.54 (3H,s), 3.88 (3H,s), 6.60 (1H,s).
165	II	3.55 (3H,s), 3.74 (3H,s), 6.80 (1H,d), 6.95 (1H,m), 7.15-7.40 (4H,m), 7.43 (1H,s), 7.65 (1H,m), 8.19 (1H,m).
3	III	3.61 (3H,s), 3.78 (3H,s), 6.8-7.3 (8H,m), 7.47 (1H,s).
5	III	3.69 (3H,s), 3.88 (3H,s), 6.84 (1H,d), 7.60 (1H,s), 8.10 (1H,dd), 8.20 (1H,d).

The compounds of the invention having the general formula (I) can be prepared from substituted benzenes of general formula (IV) by the steps shown in Scheme I. Throughout Scheme I the terms R¹, R², X, Y and Z are as defined above, L is a halogen (iodine, bromine or chlorine) atom or a hydrogen atom, and M is a metal atom (such as a lithium atom) or a metal atom plus as associated halogen atom (such as MgI, MgBr or MgCl).

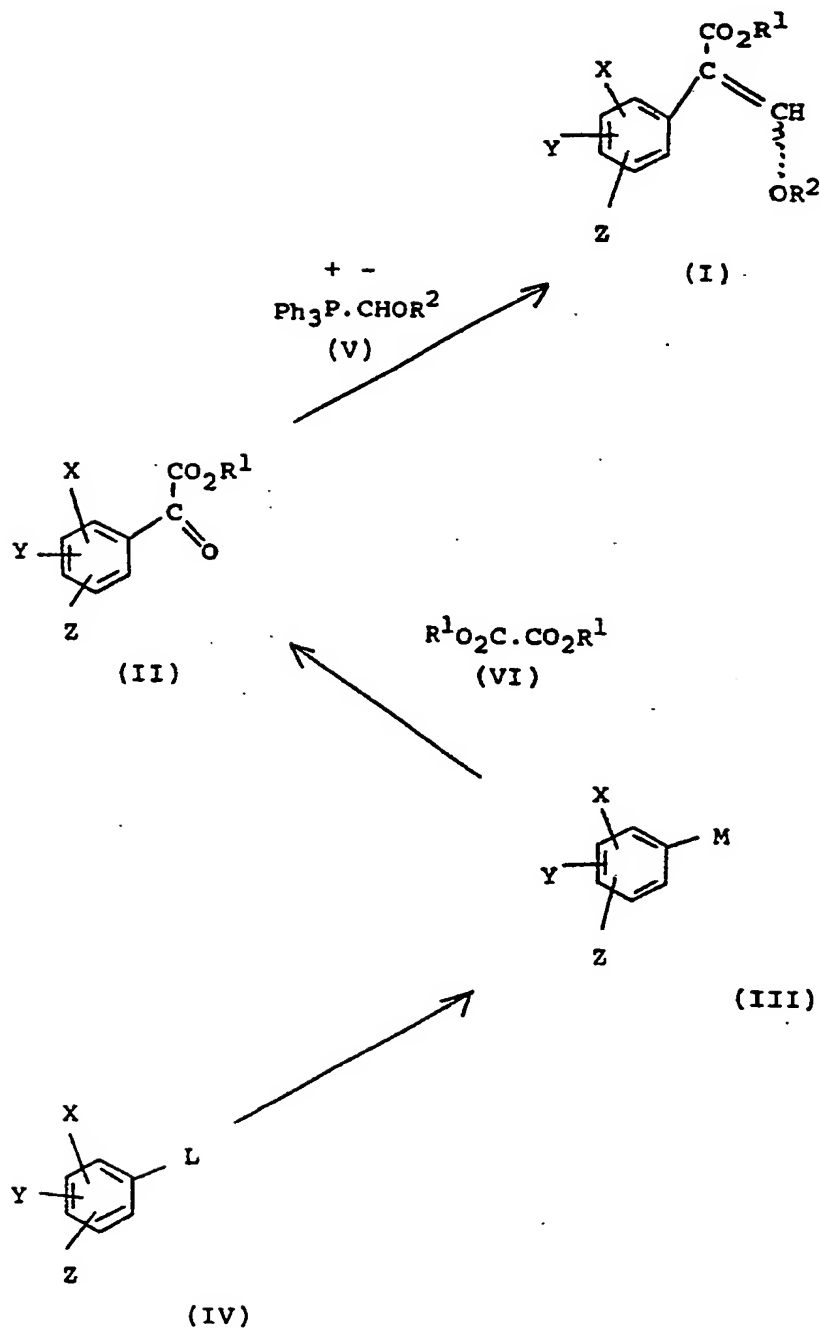
Thus compounds of general formula (I) in which R¹ and R² are not hydrogen atoms can be prepared by treatment of ketoesters of general formula (II : R¹ is not a hydrogen atom) with phosphoranes of general formula (V : R² is not a hydrogen atom) in a convenient solvent such as diethyl ether (see, for example, W Steglich, G Schramm, T Anke and F Oberwinkler, EP 0044448, 4.7.80).

Ketoesters of general formula (II : R¹ is not a hydrogen atom) can be prepared by treatment of metallated species (III) with an oxalate (VI, R¹ is not a hydrogen atom) in a suitable solvent such as diethyl ether or tetrahydrofuran. The preferred method often involves slow addition of a solution of the metallated species (III) to a stirred solution of an excess of the oxalate (VI) (see, for example, L M Weinstock, R B Currie and A V Lovell, *Synthetic Communications*, 1981, 11, 943, and references therein).

The metallated species (III) in which M = MgI, MgBr or MgCl (Grignard reagents) can be prepared by standard methods from the corresponding aromatic halides (IV) in which L = I, Br or Cl respectively. With certain substituents X, Y and Z, the metallated species (III) in which M = Li can be prepared by direct lithiation of compounds (IV) in which L = H using a strong lithium base such as n-butyl-lithium or lithium diisopropylamide (see, for example, H W Gschwend and H R Rodriguez, *Organic Reactions*, 1979, 26, 1).

Compounds of general formula (IV) can be prepared by standard methods described in the chemical literature.

Scheme I

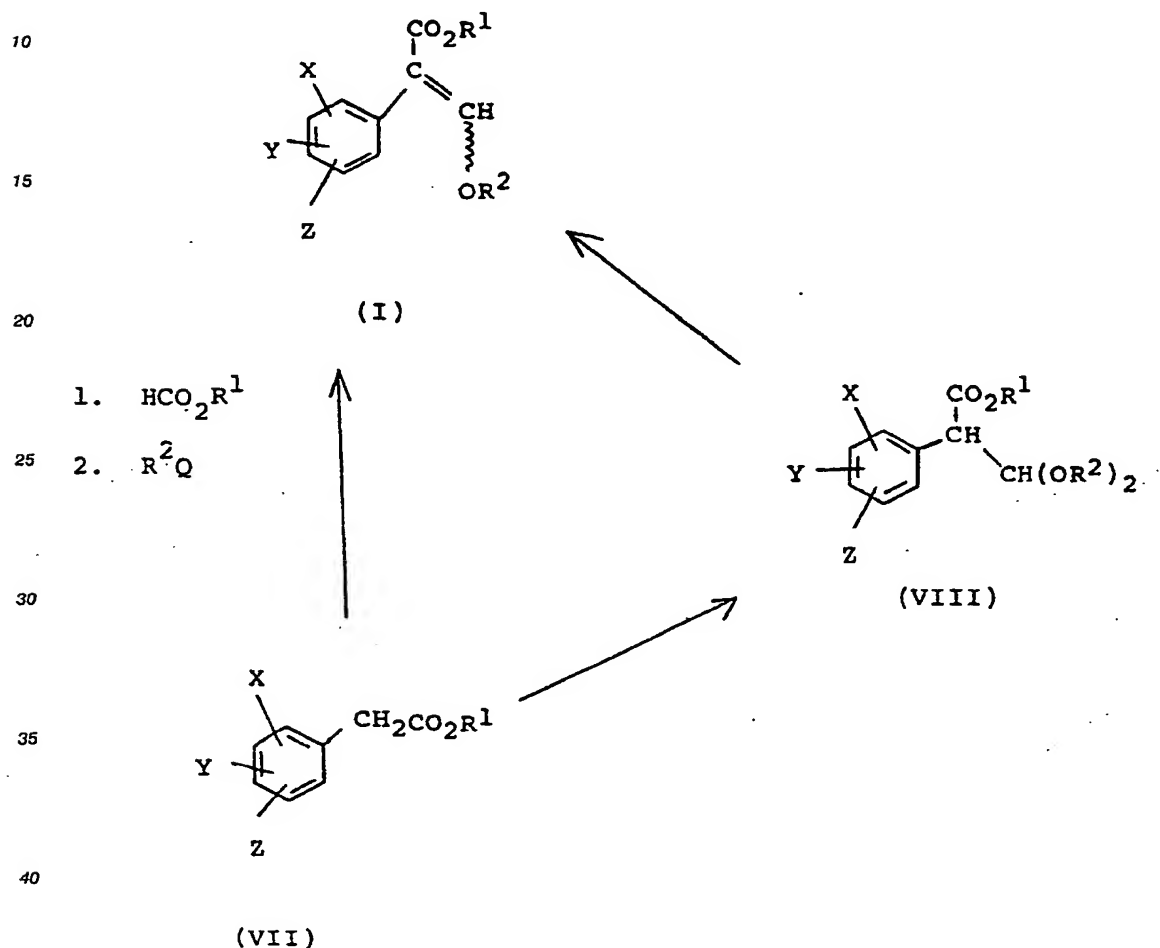


Alternative methods for the preparation of ketoesters of general formula (II : R^1 is not a hydrogen atom) are described in the chemical literature (see, for example, D C Atkinson, K E Godfrèy, B Meek, J F Saville

and M R Stillings, *J. Med. Chem.*, 1983, 26, 1353; D Horne, J Gaudino and W J Thompson, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1984, 25, 3529; and G P Axiotis, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1981, 22, 1509).

Alternative approaches to the compounds of the invention of general formula (I) are outlined in Scheme II. Throughout Scheme II the terms R¹, R², X, Y and Z are as defined above.

Scheme II



Compounds of general formula (I) in which R¹ is not a hydrogen atom can be prepared by treatment of phenylacetates of general formula (VII : R¹ is not a hydrogen atom) with a base and a formic ester such as methyl formate or HCO_2R^1 wherein R¹ is as defined above but is not a hydrogen atom, in a suitable solvent. If the reaction is quenched with a species of general formula R^2Q , wherein R² is as defined above but it is not a hydrogen atom and Q is a leaving group such as a halogen atom, compounds of general formula (I) in which R² is not a hydrogen atom may be obtained. If, on the other hand, the reaction is quenched with water, compounds of general formula (I) in which R² = H are obtained.

Compounds of general formula (I) in which R² = H can be converted into compounds (I) in which R² is not a hydrogen atom by successive treatment with a base (such as potassium carbonate or sodium hydride) and a species of general formula R^2Q , wherein R² and Q are as defined above, in a suitable solvent.

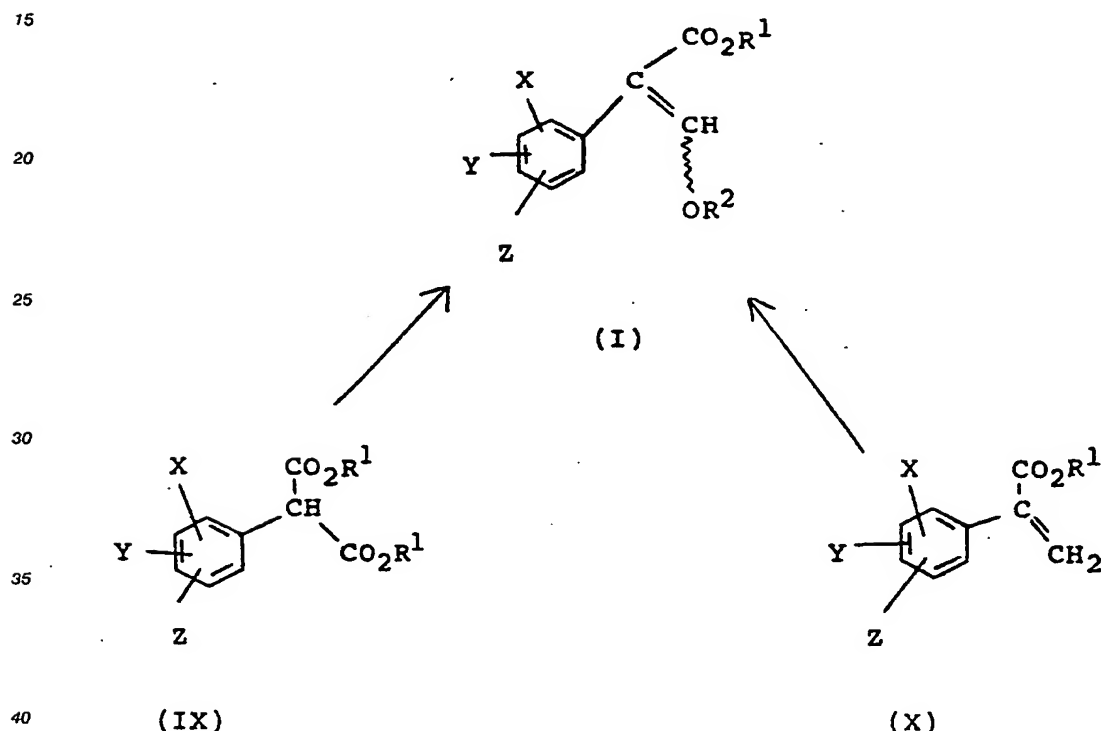
Furthermore, compounds of general formula (I) in which neither R¹ nor R² are hydrogen atoms can be made from acetals of general formula (VIII) in which neither R¹ nor R² are hydrogen atoms under either basic or acidic conditions, in suitable solvents and at suitable temperatures. An example of a suitable base is lithium di-isopropylamide, and potassium hydrogen sulphate is an example of a suitable acidic reagent.

(see T Yamada, H Hagiwara and H Uda, Journal of the Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun., 1980, 838, and references therein).

Acetals of general formula (VIII) in which neither R^1 nor R^2 are hydrogen atoms may be prepared from phenylacetic esters of general formula (VII : R^1 is not a hydrogen atom) by treatment of alkyl silyl ketene acetal derivatives of the species (VII) with trialkylorthoformates in the presence of a Lewis acid in a suitable solvent and at a suitable temperature (see, for example, K Saigo, M Osaki and T Mukaiyama, Chem. Letts., 1976, 769).

Alternative approaches to the compounds of the invention of general formula (I) are outlined in Scheme III. Throughout Scheme III the terms R^1 , R^2 , X, Y and Z are as defined above.

Scheme III



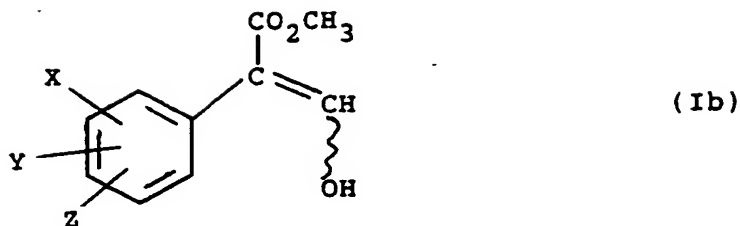
Thus, compounds of general formula (I) in which R^1 is not a hydrogen atom and $R^2 = H$ can be made by partial reduction of malonate derivatives (IX : R^1 is not a hydrogen atom) using a reducing agent such as lithium aluminium hydride in a suitable solvent such as diethyl ether (see, for example, M Barczai-Beke, G Dornyei, G Toth, J Tamas and Cs Szantay, Tetrahedron, 1976, 32, 1153, and references therein).

In addition, compounds of general formula (I) can be made from acrylic acid derivatives of general formula (X) by successive treatment with bromine, a reagent of general formula R^2OM , wherein R^2 and M are as defined above, and sodium hydrogen sulphate or a related chemical (see, for example, G Shaw and R N Warren, Journal of the Chemical Society, 1958, 153, and references therein).

Compounds of general formula (VII), (IX) and (X) can be prepared by standard methods described in the chemical literature.

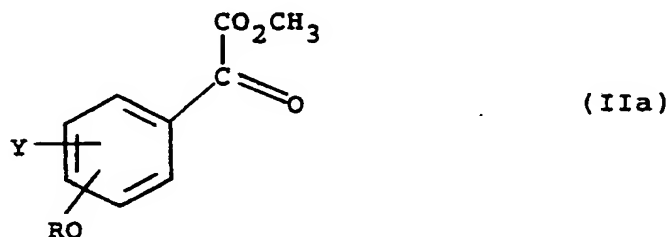
All the foregoing processes, either in full, or in any part (step) or parts (steps) thereof, in any combination thereof, are deemed to constitute processes according to the invention.

The invention also includes, as intermediates, compounds having the general formula (Ib):

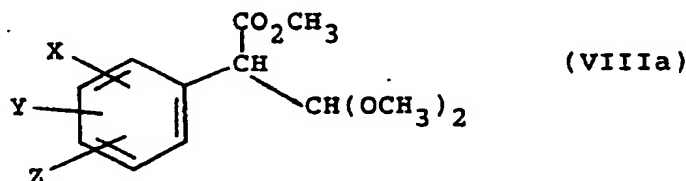


10 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein Y and Z, which are the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; X is substituted alkyl other than haloalkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphenyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups. Certain methyl α -(substituted)phenyl- β -hydroxyacrylates are known from DE-A-3221915 and EP-A-0 015 502.

30 The invention further includes, as intermediates, compounds having the general formula (IIa) :



45 wherein R is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group, and Y is a hydrogen or halogen atom or a methyl, methoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group, provided that when Y is hydrogen RO is not 2,4-dichlorophenoxy, 2- or 4-benzyloxy, 2-(4-methylbenzyloxy), 2-(4-chlorobenzyloxy), 3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy), or 3-phenoxy; and that when Y is 2-nitro RO is not 5-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy); and compounds having the general formula (VIIIa):



wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally

substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyloxy or 2-phenylsulphonyl; provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-fluoro, 2-benzoylamino, 4-chloro, 4-methyl or 4-methoxy and that when Z is hydrogen X and Y do not together form 3,4-methylenedioxy; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

The compounds and metal complexes of the invention are active fungicides, particularly against the diseases:

Pyricularia oryzae on rice.

Puccinia recondita, *Puccinia striiformis* and other rusts on wheat, *Puccinia hordei*, *Puccinia striiformis* and other rusts on barley, and rusts on other hosts e.g. coffee, pears, apples, peanuts, vegetables and ornamental plants. *Erysiphe graminis* (powdery mildew) on barley and wheat and other powdery mildews on various hosts such as *Sphaerotheca macularis* on hops, *Sphaerotheca fuliginea* on cucurbits (e.g. cucumber), *Podosphaera leucotricha* on apple and *Uncinula necator* on vines.

Helminthosporium spp., *Rhynchosporium* spp., *Septoria* spp., *Pseudocercospora herpotrichoides* and *Gaeumannomyces graminis* on cereals.

Cercospora arachidicola and *Cercosporidium personata* on peanuts and other *Cercospora* species on other hosts, for example, sugar beet, bananas, soya beans and rice. *Botrytis cinerea* (grey mould) on tomatoes, strawberries, vegetables, vines and other hosts.

Alternaria spp. on vegetables (e.g. cucumber), oil-seed rape, apples, tomatoes and other hosts.

Venturia inaequalis (scab) on apples

Plasmopara viticola on vines

Other downy mildews such as *Bremia lactucae* on lettuce, *Peronospora* spp. on soybeans, tobacco, onions and other hosts and *Pseudoperonospora humuli* on hops and *Pseudoperonospora cubensis* on cucurbits *Phytophthora infestans* on potatoes and tomatoes and other *Phytophthora* spp. on vegetables, strawberries, avocado, pepper, ornamentals, tobacco, cocoa and other hosts. *Thanatephorus cucumeris* on rice and other *Rhizoctonia* species on various hosts such as wheat and barley, vegetables, cotton and turf.

Some of the compounds have also shown a broad range of activities against fungi in vitro. They have activity against various post-harvest diseases of fruit (eg. *Penicillium digitatum* and *italicum* and *Trichoderma viride* on oranges and *Gloeosporium musarum* on bananas).

Further some of the compounds are active as seed dressings against *Fusarium* spp., *Septoria* spp., *Tilletia* spp. (bunt, a seed borne disease of wheat), *Ustilago* spp., *Helminthosporium* spp. on cereals, *Rhizoctonia solani* on cotton and *Pyricularia oryzae* on rice.

The compounds can move acropetally in the plant tissue. Moreover, the compounds can be volatile enough to be active in the vapour phase against fungi on the plant.

The compounds may also be useful as industrial (as opposed to agricultural) fungicides, eg. in the prevention of fungal attack on wood, hides, leather and especially paint films.

Some of the compounds exhibit herbicidal activity and at the appropriately higher rate of application may be used to combat weeds.

Similarly, some compounds exhibit plant growth regulating activity and may be deployed for this purpose, again at appropriate rates of application.

This invention, therefore, includes the foregoing uses of the compounds (and compositions containing them) in addition to their principal use as fungicides.

The compounds may be used as such for fungicidal purposes but are more conveniently formulated into compositions for such usage. The invention thus provides a fungicidal composition comprising a compound of general formula (I) as hereinbefore defined, or a metal complex thereof; and, optionally, a carrier or diluent.

The invention also provides a method of combating fungi, which comprises applying to a plant, to seed of a plant, or to the locus of the plant or seed, a compound or metal complex thereof, as hereinbefore defined.

The compounds and metal complexes of the invention can be applied in a number of ways. For example they can be applied, formulated or unformulated, directly to the foliage of a plant, or they can be applied also to bushes and trees, to seeds or to other medium in which plants, bushes or trees are growing or are to be planted, or they can be sprayed on, dusted on or applied as a cream or paste formulation, or they can be applied as a vapour; or as slow release granules. Application can be to any part of the plant, bush or tree, for example to the foliage, stems, branches or roots, or to soil surrounding the roots, or to the seed before it is planted; or to the soil generally, to paddy water or to hydroponic culture systems. The invention compounds may also be injected into plants or trees and they may also be sprayed onto vegetation using electrodynamic spraying techniques, or other low volume methods.

The term "plant" as used herein includes seedlings, bushes and trees. Furthermore, the fungicidal method of the invention includes preventative, protectant, prophylactic and eradicant treatment.

The compounds are preferably used for agricultural and horticultural purposes in the form of a composition. The type of composition used in any instance will depend upon the particular purpose envisaged.

The compositions may be in the form of dusting powders or granules comprising the active ingredient and a solid diluent or carrier, for example fillers such as kaolin, bentonite, kieselguhr, dolomite, calcium carbonate, talc, powdered magnesia, Fuller's earth, gypsum, Hewitt's earth, diatomaceous earth and China clay. Such granules can be preformed granules suitable for application to the soil without further treatment. These granules can be made either by impregnating pellets of filler with the active ingredient or by pelleting a mixture of the active ingredient and powdered filler. Compositions for dressing seed, for example, may comprise an agent (for example a mineral oil) for assisting the adhesion of the composition to the seed; alternatively the active ingredient can be formulated for seed dressing purposes using an organic solvent (for example N-methylpyrrolidone or dimethylformamide).

The compositions may also be in the form of dispersible powders, granules or grains comprising a wetting agent to facilitate the dispersion in liquids of the powder or grains which may contain also fillers and suspending agents.

The aqueous dispersions or emulsions may be prepared by dissolving the active ingredient(s) in an organic solvent optionally containing wetting, dispersing or emulsifying agent(s) and then adding the mixture to water which may also contain wetting, dispersing or emulsifying agent(s). Suitable organic solvents are ethylene dichloride, isopropyl alcohol, propylene glycol, diacetone alcohol, toluene, kerosene, methylnaphthalene, the xylenes, trichloroethylene, furfuryl alcohol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, and glycol ethers (eg. 2-ethoxyethanol and 2-butoxyethanol).

The compositions to be used as sprays may also be in the form of aerosols wherein the formulation is held in a container under pressure in the presence of a propellant, eg. fluorotrichloromethane or dichlorodifluoromethane.

The compounds can be mixed in the dry state with a pyrotechnic mixture to form a composition suitable for generating in enclosed spaces a smoke containing the compounds.

Alternatively, the compounds may be used in a micro-encapsulated form. They may also be formulated in biodegradable polymeric formulations to obtain a slow, controlled release of the active substance.

By including suitable additives, for example additives for improving the distribution, adhesive power and resistance to rain on treated surfaces, the different compositions can be better adapted for various utilities.

The compounds can be used as mixtures with fertilisers (eg. nitrogen-, potassium- or phosphorus-containing fertilisers). Compositions comprising only granules of fertiliser incorporating, for example coated with, the compound are preferred. Such granules suitably contain up to 25% by weight of the compound. The invention therefore also provides a fertiliser composition comprising the compound of general formula (I) or metal complex thereof.

The compositions may also be in the form of liquid preparations for use as dips or sprays which are generally aqueous dispersions or emulsions containing the active ingredient in the presence of one or more surfactants eg. wetting agent(s), dispersing agent(s), emulsifying agent(s) or suspending agent(s); or which are spray formulations of the kind suitable for use in electrodynamic spraying techniques. The foregoing agents can be cationic, anionic or non-ionic agents. Suitable cationic agents are quaternary ammonium compounds, for example cetyltrimethylammonium bromide.

Suitable anionic agents are soaps, salts of aliphatic monoesters of sulphuric acid (for example sodium lauryl sulphate), and salts of sulphonated aromatic compounds (for example sodium dodecylbenzenesulphonate, sodium, calcium or ammonium lignosulphonate, butylnaphthalene sulphonate, and a mixture of

sodium diisopropyl- and triisopropynaphthalene sulphonates).

Suitable non-ionic agents are the condensation products of ethylene oxide with fatty alcohols such as oleyl or cetyl alcohol, or with alkyl phenols such as octyl- or nonyl-phenol and octylcresol. Other non-ionic agents are the partial esters derived from long chain fatty acids and hexitol anhydrides, the condensation products of the said partial esters with ethylene oxide, and the lecithins. Suitable suspending agents are hydrophilic colloids (for example polyvinylpyrrolidone and sodium carboxymethylcellulose), and the vegetable gums (for example gum acacia and gum tragacanth).

The compositions for use as aqueous dispersions or emulsions are generally supplied in the form of a concentrate containing a high proportion of the active ingredient(s), and the concentrate is to be diluted with water before use. These concentrates often should be able to withstand storage for prolonged periods and after such storage be capable of dilution with water in order to form aqueous preparations which remain homogeneous for a sufficient time to enable them to be applied by conventional and electrodynamic spray equipment. The concentrates may conveniently contain up to 95%, suitably 10-85%, for example 25-60%, by weight of the active ingredient(s). These concentrates suitably contain organic acids (eg. alkaryl or aryl sulphonic acids such as xylenesulphonic acid or dodecyl benzenesulphonic acid) since the presence of such acids can increase the solubility of the active ingredient(s) in the polar solvents often used in the concentrates. The concentrates suitably contain also a high proportion of surfactants so that sufficiently stable emulsions in water can be obtained. After dilution to form aqueous preparations, such preparations may contain varying amounts of the active ingredient(s) depending upon the intended purpose, but an aqueous preparation containing 0.0005% or 0.01% to 10% by weight of active ingredient(s) may be used.

The compositions of this invention can comprise also other compound(s) having biological activity, eg. compounds having similar or complementary fungicidal activity or compounds having plant growth regulating, herbicidal or insecticidal activity.

The other fungicidal compound can be, for example, one which is capable of combating ear diseases of cereals (eg. wheat) such as *Septoria*, *Gibberella* and *Helminthosporium* spp., seed and soil borne diseases and downy and powdery mildews on grapes and powdery mildew and scab on apple etc. These mixtures of fungicides can have a broader spectrum of activity than the compound of general formula (I) alone; further, the other fungicide can have a synergistic effect on the fungicidal activity of the compound of general formula (I). Examples of the other fungicidal compounds are carbendazim, benomyl, thiophanate-methyl, thiabendazole, fuberidazole, etridazole, dichlofluanid, cymoxanil, oxadixyl, ofurace, metalaxyl, furalaxyl, benalaxyl, fosetyl aluminium, fenarimol, iprodione, procymidione, vinclozolin, penconazole, myclobutanil, R0151297, S3308, pyrazophos, ethirimol, ditalimfos, tridemorph, triforine, nuarimol, triazbutyl, guazatine, propiconazole, prochloraz, flutriafol, chlortriafol ie. the chemical 1-(1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-hexan-2-ol, DPX H6573(1-((bis-4-fluorophenyl)methylsilyl)methyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole, triadimefon, triadimenol, diclobutrazol, fenpropimorph, fenpropidine, triademorph, imazalil, fenfuram, carboxin, oxycarboxin, methfuroxam, dodemorph, BAS 454, blastiscidin S, Kasugamycin, edifenphos, kitazin P, phthalide, probenazole, isoprothiolane, tricyclazole, pyroquilar, chlorbenzthiazole, neosozin, polyoxin D, validamycin A, repronil, isoprothiolane, tricyclazole, pyroquilar, chlorbenzthiazole, neosozin, polyoxin D, validamycin A, repronil, flutolanil, penicuron, diclomezine, phenazin oxide, nickel dimethyldithiocarbamate, techlofthalam, biter-tanol, bupirimate, etaconazole, streptomycin, cypofuram, biloxazol, quinomethionate, dimethirimol, fenapanil, tolclofos-methyl, pyroxyfur, polyram, maneb, mancozeb, captafol, chlorothalonil, anilazine, thiram, captan, folpet, zineb, propineb, sulphur, dinocap, binapacryl, nitrothal-isopropyl, dodine, dithianon, fentin hydroxide, fentin acetate, tecnazene, quintozone, dichloran, copper containing compounds such as copper oxychloride, copper sulphate and Bordeaux mixture, and organomercury compounds such as 1-(2-cyano-2-methoxyiminoacetyl)-3-ethyl urea.

The compounds of general formula (I) can be mixed with soil, peat or other rooting media for the protection of plants against seed-borne, soil-borne or foliar fungal diseases.

Suitable insecticides are pirimicarb, dimethoate, demeton-s-methyl, formothion, carbaryl, isoprocarb, XMC, BPMC, carbofuran, carbosulfan, diazinon, fenthion, fenitrothion, phenthoate, chlorpyrifos, isoxathion, propaphos, monocrotophas, buprofezin, ethroproxyfen and cycloprothrin.

The plant growth regulating compound can be one which controls weeds or seedhead formation, or selectively controls the growth of the less desirable plants (eg. grasses).

Examples of suitable plant growth regulating compounds, for use with the invention compounds are the gibberellins (eg. GA₃, GA₄ or GA₇), the auxins (eg. indoleacetic acid, indolebutyric acid, naphthoxyacetic acid or naphthylacetic acid), the cytokinins (eg. kinetin, diphenylurea, benzimidazole, benzyladenine or benzylaminopurine), phenoxyacetic acids (eg. 2,4-D or MCPA), substituted benzoic acids (eg. triiodobenzoic acid), morphactins (eg. chlorfluorecol), maleic hydrazide, glyphosate, glyphosine, long chain fatty alcohols and acids, dikegulac, paclobutrazol, flurprimidol, fluoridamid, mefluidide, substituted quaternary ammonium and phosphonium compounds (eg. chlormequat, chlorphonium or mepiquatchloride), ethephon, car-

betamide, methyl-3,6-dichloroanisate, daminozide, asulam, abscisic acid, isopyrimol, 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridine-3-carboxylic acid, hydroxybenzonitriles (eg. bromoxynil), difenzoquat, benzoylprop-ethyl 3,6-dichloropicolinic acid, paclobutrazol, fenpentezol, inabenfide, triapenthenol and tecnazene.

- 5 The following Examples illustrates the invention. Throughout these examples, the term "ether" refers to diethyl ether, magnesium sulphate was used to dry solutions, and reactions involving water-sensitive intermediates were performed under atmospheres of nitrogen. Unless otherwise stated, chromatography was performed using silica gel as the stationary phase. Where shown, infrared and nmr data are selective; no attempt is made to list every absorption. The following abbreviations are used throughout :

- 10 TH F = tetrahydrofuran
DMF = N,N-dimethylformamide
GC = Gas chromatography
MS = Mass spectrum
s = singlet
15 d = doublet
t = triplet
m = multiplet

EXAMPLE 1

- 20 This Example illustrates the preparation of E,1''Z-methyl 3-methoxy-2-[2'-(2''-phenylethenyl)phenyl]propenoate (compound Number 13 of Table I).

- Potassium tert-butoxide (5.30 g) was added in a single portion to a vigorously-stirred suspension of benzyltriphenylphosphonium chloride (21.02 g) in dry ether (250 ml). After 25 mins, the resulting orange mixture was treated with a solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (5.00 g) in dry ether (50 ml), and the mixture lightened in colour. After a further hour, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed using dichloromethane as eluent to give 1-phenyl-2-(2-bromophenyl)ethylene (5.95 g, 85% yield), an almost colourless oil, as a 6:1 mixture of Z:E-isomers (by GC/MS).

- 30 A solution of the Grignard reagent prepared from part of the mixture of isomers of 1-phenyl-2-(2-bromophenyl)ethylene described above (5.58 g) and magnesium (0.63 g) in dry THF (20 ml) was added dropwise over 30 mins. to a stirred solution of dimethyl oxalate (5.06 g) in dry THF (40 ml) cooled to -15 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at about -15 °C for 30 minutes, then at room temperature for 1 hour, then poured into dilute hydrochloric acid and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated under reduced pressure, then chromatographed twice [(i) 30% ether in petrol; (ii) 20% hexane in dichloromethane] to give isomerically pure Z-methyl 2-(2'-phenylethenyl)phenylglyoxalate (1.76 g, 31% yield) as a yellow oil, ¹H nmr (CDCl₃) : delta 3.87 (3 H, s), 6.78 (centre of 2 doublets, each 1 H, J 12Hz) p.p.m.

- Potassium tert-butoxide (2.00 g) was added in a single portion to a stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (6.78 g) in dry ether (80ml). After 25 minutes, the resulting red suspension was treated with a solution of Z-methyl 2-(2'-phenylethenyl)phenylglyoxalate (1.76 g) in dry ether (20ml), the colour lightening. After 1.5 hours, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, flushed through a short column of silica gel with dichloromethane, then carefully chromatographed using 30% ether in petrol as eluant to give the title compound (0.46 g, 24% yield) as an oil, infrared (film) : 1715, 1635 cm⁻¹; ¹H nmr (CDCl₃) : delta 3.62 (3 H, s), 3.73 (3 H, s), 6.48 (2 H, s), 7.50 (1 H, s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 2

- 50 This Example illustrates the preparation of E- and Z-methyl 3-methoxy-2-phenylpropenoate (compounds numbers 1 and 2 of Table I).

- Potassium tert-butoxide (9.52 g) was added in a single portion to a stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (34.3 g) in dry ether (300ml). After 45 minutes, the resulting red suspension was treated with a solution of methyl benzoylformate (8.20g) in dry ether (100 ml) (colour lightens; exotherm). After 3 hours, the mixture was diluted with water, treated with magnesium sulphate and charcoal, then concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product (36.39g) as a yellow oil which partially crystallised on standing. This was flushed through silica gel using dichloromethane, then carefully chromatographed using dichloromethane: petrol (2:1) to give E-methyl 3-methoxy-2-phenyl-

propenoate (4.83 g, 50% yield) as a pale yellow oil, eluted first, infrared (film) : 1710, 1630 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) : delta 7.55 (s, olefinic proton), and Z-methyl 3-methoxy-2-phenylpropenoate (3.43 g, 36% yield) as a pale yellow oil, eluted second, infrared (film) : 1715, 1630 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) : delta 3.76 (3H,s), 3.90 (3H,s), 6.65 (1H,s), 7.28 (5H,s) ppm.

- 5 A sample of E-methyl 3-methoxy-2-phenylpropenoate prepared from methyl phenylacetate by the method described in Examples 4 and 7, that is by reaction with sodium hydride and methyl formate and treatment of the resulting enol with potassium carbonate and dimethyl sulphate, solidified on standing and had a melting point of 37-38 °C.

10 EXAMPLE 3

This Example illustrates the preparation of 2E,1''E-and 2Z,1''E-methyl 3-methoxy-2-[2'-(2''-phenylethenyl)phenyl]propenoate (compounds numbers 9 and 10 of Table I).

- 15 A solution of 2-bromobenzaldehyde (18.50g) in dry ether (20 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of benzylmagnesium chloride [prepared from benzyl chloride (12.64g) and magnesium (2.68g)] in dry ether (120 ml), a thick precipitate forming during the addition. The mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature then poured into water, acidified with 2M hydrochloric acid, and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated and chromatographed using dichloromethane and petrol (1:1) as eluant to give 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-ol (10.95g, 40%) as a white solid, melting point 84-85 °C.

- 20 A stirred mixture of 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-ol (15.50g) and orthophosphoric acid (150 ml) was heated at 170 °C for 1 hour and then poured into iced water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give the crude product as an orange oil (14.29g). Evaporative distillation (0.3 torr; oven temperature 140 °C) gave E-1-phenyl-2-(2-bromophenyl)ethylene (12.53g, 86% yield) as a pale yellow oil with a purity of 97% by GC.

- 25 A solution of the Grignard reagent prepared from E-1-phenyl-2-(2-bromophenyl)ethylene (8.56g) and magnesium (0.96g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (20 ml) was added dropwise over 30 minutes to a stirred solution of dimethyl oxalate (7.76g) in dry tetrahydrofuran (70 ml) cooled to -15 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at about -15 °C for 30 minutes, then at room temperature for 1 hour, then poured into dilute hydrochloric acid and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow oil (17.22g). Purification by column chromatography using dichloromethane and petrol (1:1) as eluant then evaporative distillation (0.07 torr, oven temperature 170 °C) gave E-methyl 2-(2'-phenylethenyl)phenylglyoxalate (2.01g, 23% yield) as a yellow oil, pure by GC, ^1H nmr (CDCl_3): delta 3.78 (3 H, s), 6.88 (centre of 2 doublets, each 1 H, J 16Hz) p.p.m.

- 35 Potassium tert-butoxide (2.19g) was added in a single portion to a stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (7.41g) in dry ether (100 ml). After 25 minutes, the resulting red suspension was treated with a solution of E-methyl 2-(2'-phenylethenyl)phenylglyoxalate (1.92g) in dry ether (20 ml), the colour lightening. After 15 minutes, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and chromatographed using 30% ether in petrol as eluant to give (i) the 2E,1''E-isomer of the title compound, eluted first, as a pale yellow oil (1.06g, 50% yield) which crystallised on standing to give a white solid, melting point 103-104 °C. An analytical sample, recrystallised from an ether-petrol mixture, had melting point 107-108 °C, infrared (nujol mull): 1700, 1630 cm^{-1} ; ^1H nmr (CDCl_3): delta 3.68 (3 H, s), 3.80 (3 H,s), 7.06 (2 H, s), 7.63 (1 H, s) p.p.m.; and (ii) the 2Z,1''E-isomer of the title compound, eluted second, as a viscous oil (0.260g, 12% yield), infrared (film): 1710, 1625 cm^{-1} ; ^1H nmr (CDCl_3): delta 3.65 (3H,s), 3.92 (3H,s), 6.57 (1H,s), 6.99 and 7.24 (each 1H,d J 16Hz) ppm.

EXAMPLE 4

- This Example illustrates the preparation of E-methyl 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-3-methoxypropenoate (compound No. 27 of Table I).

- 50 A mixture of methyl (2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)acetate (5.20g) and methyl formate (31.4 ml) in dry DMF (40 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (1.23g) in dry DMF (40 ml) at a temperature between 0 and 5 °C. Vigorous evolution of gas was observed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours, then poured into a mixture of ice and aqueous sodium carbonate, and washed with ether. The resulting aqueous mixture was acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give methyl 2-(2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropenoate (3.44g) as a white solid.

A stirred solution of this crude product in dry DMF (30 ml) was treated successively with potassium

carbonate (4.11g) and dimethyl sulphate (1.34 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, and was then poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give the title compound (2.91g) as a white solid, melting point 77-78°. Crystallisation from 60-80° petrol gave colourless crystals [2.61g, 42% yield from methyl (2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)acetate], melting point 79-80°, ¹NMR (CDCl₃) delta 3.69 (3H,s), 3.84 (3H,s), 7.62 (1H,s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 5

This Example illustrates the preparation of E-methyl 2-(2-phenoxy)phenyl-3-methoxyacrylate (compound number 1 of Table II).

Potassium tert-butoxide (5.6g) was added to a stirred solution of diphenyl ether (12.3g) in dry ether (150 ml) at -70° C. The resulting mixture was stirred at this temperature for 15 minutes, then *n*-butyl-lithium (30.5 ml of 1.62M solution in hexane) was added to give a red-brown suspension which was allowed to warm to room temperature. This mixture was added to a stirred suspension of dimethyl oxalate (11.8g) in ether (250 ml) at -10° over 20 minutes, then allowed to warm to room temperature. After 30 minutes, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The combined extracts were washed with water, dried, then concentrated to give a red oil (14.21g). Chromatography using 20% ether in petrol as eluant gave methyl 2-phenoxybenzoylformate (2.23g) as a yellow oil.

Potassium tert-butoxide (2.64g) was added to a vigorously stirred suspension of (methoxymethyl)-triphenylphosphonium chloride (8.93g) in dry ether (100 ml). After 20 minutes, the resulting red suspension was treated with a solution of methyl 2-phenoxybenzoylformate (2.23g) in dry ether (20 ml), the colour lightening. After 15 minutes, the mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The combined extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give a yellow oil (7.30g). Chromatography using dichloromethane as eluant gave the title compound (0.61g) as a colourless oil, infrared (film) 1 710, 1 635 cm⁻¹, ¹H nmr (CDCl₃) delta 3.60 (3H,s), 3.75 (3H,s), 7.47 (1H,s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 6

This Example describes an alternative method for the preparation of E-methyl 2-(2-phenoxy)phenyl-3-methoxypropenoate (compound number 1 of Table II).

A 1 M solution of borane-tetrahydrofuran complex (30 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 2-phenoxybenzoic acid (5.35g) in dry THF (50 ml), cooled to 0° C (effervescence). Following the addition, the mixture was stirred at 0° C for 15 minutes, then at room temperature for 1.5 hours. It was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed successively with water, aqueous sodium bicarbonate, aqueous sodium carbonate, then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 2-phenoxybenzyl alcohol (4.83g, 97%) as a colourless oil.

Thionyl chloride (1.92 ml) was added in one portion to a solution of 2-phenoxybenzyl alcohol (4.80g) in dry dichloromethane (50 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours, then washed with water (x2), aqueous sodium bicarbonate (x2) and aqueous sodium chloride, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 2-phenoxybenzyl chloride (4.87g, 93%) as a colourless oil.

Carbon dioxide was bubbled into a solution of 2-phenoxybenzylmagnesium chloride [from 2-phenoxybenzyl chloride (4.80g) and magnesium turnings (0.64g)] in dry ether (15 ml), cooled to 0° C. Dry THF was added to aid solubility. When exothermic reaction had subsided, no further carbon dioxide was passed through the mixture and it was allowed to warm to room temperature. The mixture was poured into water, washed with ether, then treated with hydrochloric acid and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 2-phenoxyphenylacetic acid (3.06g, 61%) as a solid, melting point 82-85° C. An analytical sample, recrystallised from ether/petrol, had a melting point of 85-86° C.

A solution of 2-phenoxyphenylacetic acid (2.75g) in dry methanol (30 ml) containing concentrated sulphuric acid (0.3 ml) was heated under reflux for 2 hours then allowed to cool, poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give methyl 2-phenoxyphenylacetate (2.65g, 91%) as a pale yellow oil.

This ester was converted in 2 steps into the title compound by the method described in Example 4, that is, by reaction with sodium hydride and methyl formate and treatment of the resulting enol with potassium carbonate and dimethyl sulphate (overall yield = 65%).

EXAMPLE 7

This Example illustrates the preparation of E-methyl 2-(2-benzyloxy)phenyl-3-methoxyacrylate (compound number 177 of Table II).

A mixture of methyl formate (24.4 ml) and methyl *o*-(benzyloxy)phenylacetate (5.10g) in dry DMF (30 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (0.95g) in dry DMF (30 ml) at between 0 and 5 °C. A vigorous evolution of gas was observed. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3.5 hours, then poured into a mixture of ice and aqueous sodium carbonate. The resulting aqueous solution was washed with ether (x3) then acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried and concentrated to give methyl 2-(2-benzyloxy)phenyl-3-hydroxyacrylate (4.38g) as a yellow oil.

Potassium carbonate (4.26g) and dimethyl sulphate (1.38 ml) were added successively to a stirred solution of methyl 2-(2-benzyloxy)phenyl-3-hydroxyacrylate (4.38g) in dry DMF (40 ml). After an hour at room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated and triturated with petrol to give the title compound (3.38g, 57% yield from methyl *o*-(benzyloxy)phenylacetate) as a white solid, melting point 74-75 °C. Crystallisation of the whole sample from methanol gave colourless crystals (2.35g), melting point 76-77 °C, ¹H nmr (CDCl₃) delta 3.63 (3H,s), 3.76 (3H,s), 5.05 (2H,s), 7.49 (1H,s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 8

This Example describes the preparation of E-methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methoxypropenoate (compound number 22 of Table I).

A solution of methyl 4-chlorophenylacetate (3.51g) in dry THF (25 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of lithium di-isopropylamide [from di-isopropylamine (2.88g) and *n*-butyl-lithium (16.4 ml of 1.62 M solution in *n*-hexane)] in dry THF (25 ml) at -70 °C. After 0.5 hours at the same temperature, a solution of trimethylsilyl chloride (5.16g) in dry THF (5 ml) was added and after 10 minutes the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. Volatile components of the resulting mixture were removed under reduced pressure, and the ether-soluble fraction of the residue was collected by repeated trituration with dry ether, filtering, and concentrating the filtrate under reduced pressure. This left the crude methyl silyl enol ether (5.18g) as an orange oil whose infrared spectrum showed almost no carbonyl absorption and a peak at 1640 cm⁻¹.

A solution of titanium tetrachloride (3.60g) in dry dichloromethane (5 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of trimethylorthoformate (1.92g) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) at -70 °C. After 15 minutes at the same temperature, a solution of the crude methyl silyl enol ether described above (5.18g) in dry dichloromethane (20ml) was added, still at -70 °C. After 0.5 hours, aqueous potassium carbonate was added to the reaction mixture, still at -70 °C, and it was extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed using ether : petrol (1:1) as eluant to give methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (2.26g, 46% yield from methyl 4-chlorophenylacetate) as a solid, melting point 61-62 °C.

A solution of methyl 2-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethoxypropanoate (1.65g) in dry THF (20 ml) was added dropwise at -70 °C to a stirred solution of lithium di-isopropylamide [from di-isopropylamine (0.84g) and *n*-butyl-lithium (4.7ml of 1.62 M solution in *n*-hexane)] in dry THF (20 ml). After 0.5 hours at -70 °C, the reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, dried, concentrated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed using 40% ether in petrol as eluant to give the title compound (0.31g, 21%) as a pale yellow solid, melting point 61-62 °C, infrared (nujol) 1685, 1615 cm⁻¹, ¹H nmr (CDCl₃) delta 3.74 and 3.88 (each 3H,s), 7.56 (1H,s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 9

This Example describes the preparation of E-methyl 2-[2-(4-methylphenoxy)] phenyl-3-methoxypropenoate (compound number 16 of Table II).

4-Methylphenol (8.40g) was added to a stirred methanolic solution of sodium methoxide [from sodium (1.78g) and dry methanol (50 ml)]. After 0.5 hours, the methanol was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was mixed with 4-methylphenol (4.20g), 2-chloroacetophenone (6.00g), and a catalytic quantity of copper bronze. The resulting mixture was heated at 135 °C for 1.5 hours, then allowed to cool, diluted with water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed successively with aqueous sodium hydroxide and aqueous sodium chloride, then dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a dark oil (8.20g). This crude product was purified by evaporative distillation (130-135 °C at 0.02 torr) to give 2-(4-methylphenoxy)acetophenone (7.29g, 83%) as a colourless liquid, infrared (film) 1670 cm⁻¹.

A solution of boron trifluoride etherate (18.06g) and 2-(4-methylphenoxy)acetophenone (7.29g) in dry methanol (8.3 ml) was added to a stirred ice-cooled suspension of lead tetra-acetate (14.97g) in dry ether (70 ml). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours, then poured into water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed successively with water and aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a red oil (7.53g) containing methyl 2-(4-methylphenoxy)phenylacetate and the starting acetophenone (4:1 by GC). The mixture was treated with aqueous potassium hydroxide, and the resulting substituted phenylacetic acid was purified by acid-base extractions, and re-esterified in acidic methanol to give methyl 2-(4-methylphenoxy)phenylacetate (5.00g) as a thick oil, infrared (film) 1 730 cm^{-1} .

This ester was converted in 2 steps into the title compound by the method described in Examples 4 and 7, that is, by reaction with sodium hydride and methyl formate and treatment of the resulting enol with potassium carbonate and dimethyl sulphate (overall yield = 32%). The product, after recrystallisation from methanol, had a melting point of 80-81 °C, infrared (nujol) 1 690, 1 620 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 2.30 (3H,s), 3.62 (3H,s), 3.77 (3H,s), 7.50 (1H,s), ppm.

EXAMPLE 10

This Example describes the preparation of E- and Z-methyl 3-methoxy-2-(2-phenylethyl)-phenylpropenoate (compounds numbers 1 and 177 of Table IV).

Trifluoroacetic acid (46 ml) was added in one portion to a stirred mixture of 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylethan-1-ol (16.51g, prepared as described in Example 3) and triethylsilane (13.80g). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 22 hours, then the excess trifluoroacetic acid was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ether and washed successively with water, aqueous sodium bicarbonate (x3) and water (x2), then dried, concentrated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed using 10% dichloromethane in petrol as eluant to give 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylethane (8.02g, 52%) as a colourless oil.

This sample of 1-(2-bromophenyl)-2-phenylethane was converted in 2 steps into the title compounds by the method described in Examples 1 and 3, that is, by reaction of the magnesium derivative with dimethyl oxalate, and treatment of the resulting ketoester with methoxymethylenetriphenylphosphorane. The E-isomer, eluted first in 30% ether in petrol, was an oil, infrared (film) 1 705 and 1 630 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 2.79 (4H,s), 3.69 (3H,s), 3.79 (3H,s), 7.59 (1H,s) ppm. The Z-isomer, eluted second, was also an oil, infrared (film) 1 715, 1 695 and 1 630 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 2.84 (4H,s), 3.68 (3H,s), 3.84 (3H,s), 6.24 (1H,s) ppm.

EXAMPLE 11

This Example illustrates the preparation of 2E, 1''E-and 2Z, 1''E-methyl 2-[2'-(2''-[2'''-furyl]ethenyl)-phenyl]-3-methoxypropenoate (compounds numbers 55 and 56 of Table I).

A mixture of 2-bromobenzyl bromide (12.10g) and trimethylphosphite (8.56 ml) was stirred in a flask fitted via a still head to a condensor. This reaction mixture was heated at 110 °C for 1 hour [then further trimethylphosphite (5 ml) was added] then at 130 °C for 2.5 hours, the temperature at the still head remaining at less than 40 °C throughout. The mixture was allowed to cool, and the volatile fraction was removed under reduced pressure to leave an almost colourless liquid (21.65g). Evaporative distillation of part of this liquid (18.35g) gave dimethyl 2-bromobenzylphosphonate (8.02g, 55%) as a colourless liquid, collected at 175-180 °C (0.15 mbar), with a purity of 78% by GC. An analytical sample, purified by chromatography using ethyl acetate : 60-80 °C petrol (2:1) as eluant, had ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 3.43 (2H, d J 23 Hz), 3.72 (d J 11 Hz) ppm.

A solution of dimethyl 2-bromobenzylphosphonate (10.35g) in dry DMF (50 ml) was added dropwise at room temperature to a stirred suspension of sodium hydride (0.979g) in dry DMF (100 ml) (effervescence). After 20 minutes, a solution of furfural (3.56g) in dry DMF (50 ml) was added (exotherm) and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours, then diluted with water and extracted with ether. The extracts were washed with water, treated with magnesium sulphate and charcoal, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure, and chromatographed using 40-60 °C petrol as eluant to give E-1-(2-furyl)-2-(2-bromophenyl)-ethylene (3.755g), a pale yellow liquid (containing about 6% of the corresponding Z-isomer by GC).

This ethylene was converted in 2 steps into the title compounds by the method described in Examples 1 and 3, that is, by reaction of the magnesium derivative with dimethyl oxalate, and treatment of the resulting ketoester with methoxymethylenetriphenylphosphorane. The E,E-isomer, eluted first in 30% ether

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in petrol, was an oil, infrared (film) 1 715 and 1 637 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 3.68 (3H,s), 3.81 (3H,s), 6.31 (1H,d J 3.5 Hz), 6.40 (1H, dd J 3.5 and 2 Hz), 6.83 and 6.98 (each 1H, d J 16Hz), 7.63 (1H,s) ppm; the Z,E-isomer was a solid, melting point 107.5-110° C, infrared (nujol) 1 717 and 1 625 cm^{-1} , ^1H nmr (CDCl_3) delta 3.65 (3H,s), 3.93 (3H,s), 6.33 (1H,d J 3.5 Hz), 6.40 (1H,dd J 3.5 and 2 Hz), 6.56 (1H,s), 6.82 and 7.10 (each 1H, d J 16 Hz) ppm.

EXAMPLE 12

An emulsifiable concentrate was made up by mixing the ingredients, and stirring the mixture until all the constituents were dissolved.

Compound of Example 5	10%
Ethylene dichloride	40%
Calcium dodecylbenzenesulphate	5%
"Lubrol" L	10%
"Aromasol" H	35%

EXAMPLE 13

A composition in the form of grains readily dispersible in a liquid, eg. water, was prepared by grinding together the first three ingredients in the presence of added water and then mixing in the sodium acetate. The resultant mixture was dried and passed through a British Standard mesh sieve, size 44-100, to obtain the desired size of grains.

Compound of Example 3	50%
"Dispersol" T	25%
"Lubrol" APN5	1.5%
Sodium acetate	23.5%

EXAMPLE 14

The ingredients were all ground together to produce a powder formulation readily dispersible in liquids.

Compound of Example 5	45%
"Dispersol" T	5%
"Lissapol" NX	0.5%
"Cellofas" B600	2%
Sodium acetate	47.5%

EXAMPLE 15

The active ingredient was dissolved in a solvent and the resultant liquid was sprayed on to the granules of China clay. The solvent was then allowed to evaporate to produce a granular composition.

Compound of Example 3	5%
China clay granules	95%

EXAMPLE 16

A composition suitable for use as a seed dressing was prepared by mixing the three ingredients.

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Compound of Example 5	50%
Mineral oil	2%
China clay	48%

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EXAMPLE 17

A dusting powder was prepared by mixing the active ingredient with talc.

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Compound of Example 3	5%
Talc	95%

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EXAMPLE 18

A Col formulation was prepared by ball-milling the constituents set out below and then forming an aqueous suspension of the ground mixture with water.

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Compound of Example 5	40%
"Dispersol" T	10%
"Lubrol" APN5	1%
Water	

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EXAMPLE 19

A dispersible powder formulation was made by mixing together the ingredients set out below and then grinding the mixture until all were thoroughly mixed.

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Compound of Example 3	25%
"Aerosol" OT/B	2%
"Dispersol" A.C.	5%
China clay	28%
Silica	40%

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EXAMPLE 20

This Example illustrates the preparation of a dispersible powder formulation. The ingredients were mixed and the mixture then ground in a comminution mill.

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Compound of Example 5	25%
"Perminal" BX	1%
"Dispersol" T	5%
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	10%
Silica	25%
China clay	34%

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EXAMPLE 21

The ingredients set out below were formulated into a dispersible powder by mixing then grinding the ingredients.

Compound of Example 3	25%
"Aerosol" OT/B	2%
"Dispersol" A	5%
China clay	68%

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In Examples 12 to 21 the proportions of the ingredients given are by weight.

The compounds set out in Tables I, II, III, IV and V are similarly formulated as specifically described in Examples 12 to 21.

10 There now follows an explanation of the compositions or substances represented by the various Trade Marks and Trade Names mentioned above.

LUBROL L : a condensate of nonyl phenol 1 mole) with ethylene oxide (13 moles)
 AROMASOL H : a solvent mixture of alkylbenzenes
 DISPERSOL T & AC : a mixture of sodium sulphate and a condensate of formaldehyde with sodium
 15 naphthalene sulphonate
 LUBROL APN5 : a condensate of nonyl phenol (1 mole) with naphthalene oxide (5.5 moles)
 CELLOFAS B600 : a sodium carboxymethyl cellulose thickener
 LISSAPOL NX : a condensate of nonyl phenol (1 mole) with ethylene oxide (8 moles)
 AEROSOL OT/B : dioctyl sodium sulposuccinate
 20 PERMINAL BX : a sodium alkyl naphthalene sulphonate

EXAMPLE 22

The compounds were tested against a variety of foliar fungal diseases of plants. The technique
 25 employed was as follows.

The plants were grown in John Innes Potting Compost (No 1 or 2) in 4 cm diameter minipots. The test compounds were formulated either by bead milling with aqueous Dispersol T or as a solution in acetone or acetone/ethanol which was diluted to the required concentration immediately before use. For the foliage diseases, the formulations (100 ppm active ingredient) were sprayed on to the foliage and applied to the
 30 roots of the plants in the soil. The sprays were applied to maximum retention and the root drenches to a final concentration equivalent to approximately 40 ppm a.i./dry soil. Tween 20, to give a final concentration of 0.05%, was added when the sprays were applied to cereals.

For most of the tests the compound was applied to the soil (roots) and to the foliage (by spraying) one or two days before the plant was inoculated with the disease. An exception was the test on Erysiphe
 35 graminis in which the plants were inoculated 24 hours before treatment. Foliar pathogens were applied by spray as spore suspensions onto the leaves of test plants. After inoculation, the plants were put into an appropriate environment to allow infection to proceed and then incubated until the disease was ready for assessment. The period between inoculation and assessment varied from four to fourteen days according to the disease and environment.

40 The disease control was recorded by the following grading:

4 = no disease
 3 = trace - 5% of disease on untreated plants
 2 = 6-25% of disease on untreated plants
 1 = 26-59% of disease on untreated plants
 45 0 = 60-100% of disease on untreated plants

The results are shown in Tables VII, VIII and IX.

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TABLE VII

Data in this Table refer to compounds listed in Table I

COMPOUND NUMBER	PUCCINIA RECONDITA (WHEAT)	ERYSIPHE GRAMINIS HORDEI (BARLEY)	VENTURIA INAEQUALIS (APPLES)	PYRICULARIA ORYZAE (RICE)	CERCOSPORA ARACHIDICOLA (PEANUT)	PLASMODIUM VITICOLA (VINES)
1	4	4	4	0	2	4
2	2	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	4
4	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	4	4	4	3*	4	4
10	4	4	4	3*	4	4
11	0	0	0	0	0	3
12	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	4	2	4	2	4	4
14	4	4	4	4	4	4
19	4	4	4	3	0	4
20	0	2	4	3	3	4
21	0	4	0	0	4	4
22	0	0	0	0	0	4
23	4	0	0	0	4	4
24	4	2	4	0	0	4
25	2	0	0	0	-	3

TABLE VII (cont)

COMPOUND NUMBER	PUCCINIA RECONDITA (WHEAT)	ERYSIPHE GRAMINIS HORDEI (BARLEY)	VENTURIA INAEQUALIS (APPLES)	PYRICULARIA ORYZAE (RICE)	CERCOSPORA ARACHIDICOLA (PEANUT)	PLASMOPOARA VITICOLA (VINES)
26	1	0	-	0	-	1
27	3	2	4	2	2	4
28	3	4	4	3	4	4
29	2	3	4	0	0	3
30	4	4	4	3	3	4
31	0	4	4	0	0	3
32	3	0	2	1	3	0
35	0	2	3	2	4	0
40	4	4	0	4	4	4
42	3	4	4	4	1	4
52	4	1	4	4	3	4
53	0	0	4	0	2	4
54	0	0	-	0	-	0
55	0	0*	4	3	1*	4*
56	4	0*	4	4	0*	4*
57	3	0	-	4	-	0
58	0	0	0	0	-	3
60	4	3	4	4	4	4
61	3	0	2	2	-	4
66	0	3	0	0	-	0

* = tested as a foliar spray at 25 ppm

TABLE VIII

Data in this Table refer to compounds listed in Table II

COMPOUND NUMBER	PUCCINIA RECONDITA (WHEAT)	ERYSIPHE GRAMINIS HORDEI (BARLEY)	VENTURIA INAEQUALIS (APPLES)	PYRICULARIA ORYZAE (RICE)	CERCOSPORA ARACHIDICOLA (PEANUT)	PLASMOPARA VITICOLA (VINES)
1	4	4	4	3	4	4
7	4	4	4	4	4	4
66	3	4	4	0	0	3
153	4	4	4	0	3	4
160	0	4	4	3	4	4
161	0	0	4	0	3*	3
177	4	4	4	2	4	4
180	0	0	0	0	0	3
181	4*	0*	4*	0*	0*	0*

* = tested as foliar spray at 25 ppm

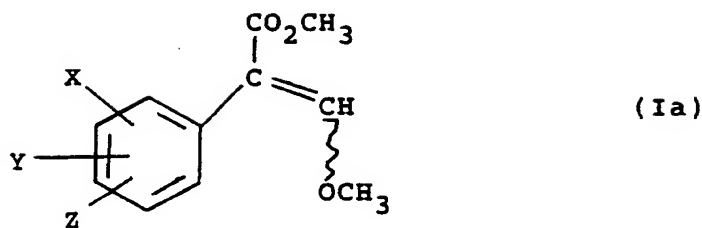
TABLE IX
Data in this Table refer to compounds listed in Table IV

COMPOUND NUMBER	PUCCINIA RECONDITA (WHEAT)	ERYSIPHE GRAMINIS HORDEI (BARLEY)	VENTURIA INAEQUALIS (APPLES)	PYRICULARIA ORYZAE (RICE)	CERCOSPORA ARACHIDICOLA (PEANUT)	PLASMOPARA VITICOLA (VINES)
1 177	4 0	4 4	4 3	2 0	3 0	3 0

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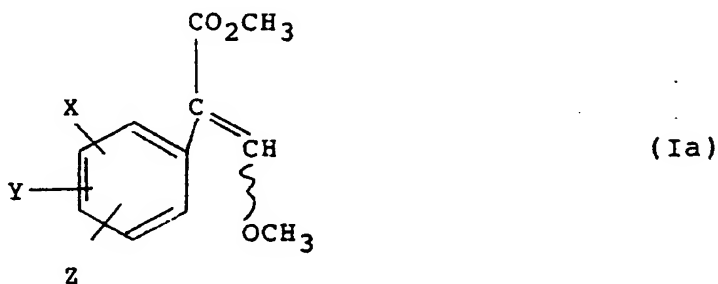
Claims for the following Contracting States: BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

1. Compounds having the general formula (Ia):



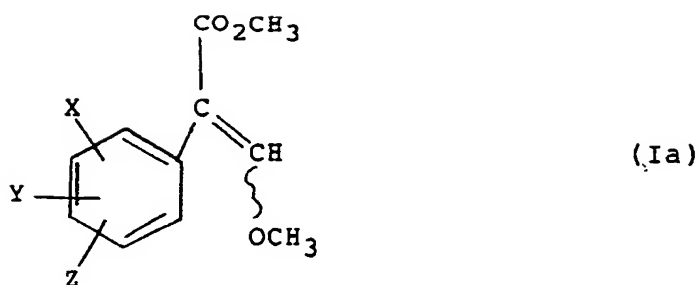
and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ or $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or when Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or when Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or when Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinyl; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

2. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 having the general formula (Ia) :



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

3. Compounds as claimed in claim 1 or 2 having the general formula (Ia) :

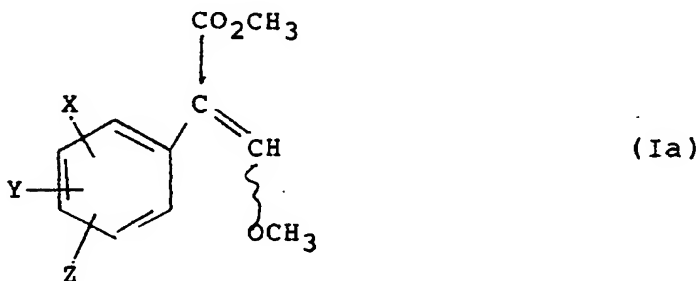


15 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

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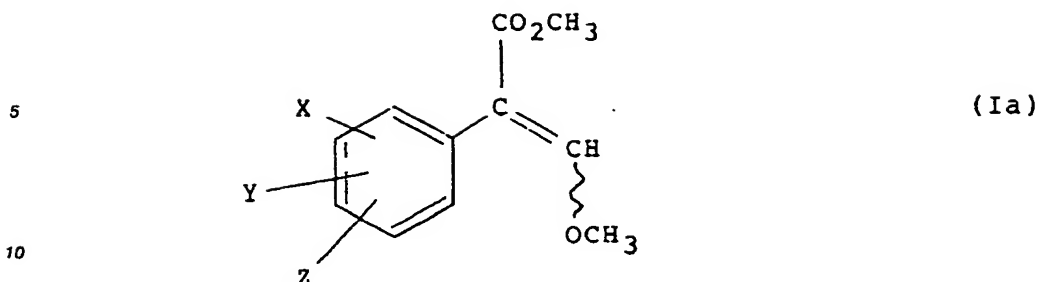
4. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 and having the general formula (Ia) :



40 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; and metal complexes thereof.

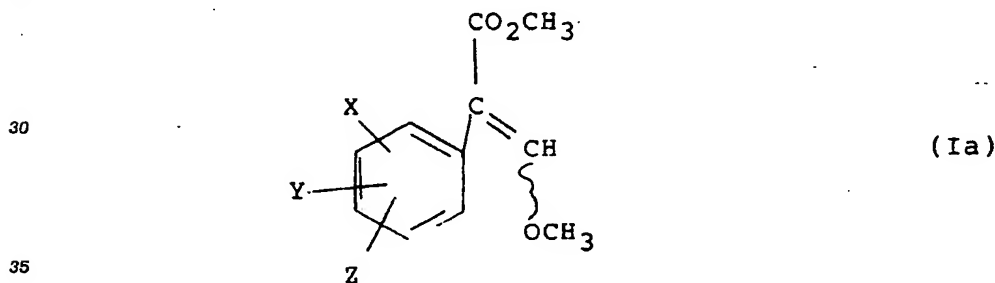
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- 50 5. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 having the general formula (Ia) :



15 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted amino, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, or COR^6 groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused aromatic ring provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted aralkyl groups.

20 6. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 having the general formula (Ia) :

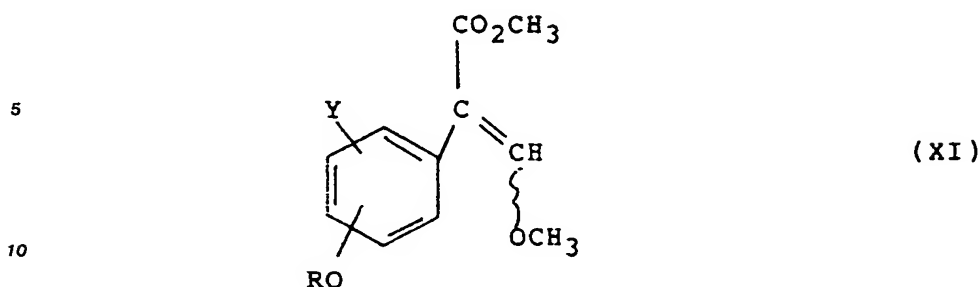


40 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, or C_1-4 alkyl, C_2-5 alkenyl, C_2-5 alkynyl, phenyl, C_1-4 haloalkyl, C_1-4 alkoxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy or mono- or dialkylamino groups, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused aromatic ring, the aliphatic moieties of any of the foregoing being optionally substituted with one or more C_1-4 alkoxy groups, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings which themselves are optionally substituted, heterocyclic rings which are either aromatic or non-aromatic and are themselves optionally substituted,

45 nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyl or carboxyl groups; and wherein the phenyl moieties of any of the foregoing are optionally substituted with one or more fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings, C_1-4 alkyl, C_1-4 alkoxy, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyl or carboxyl groups.

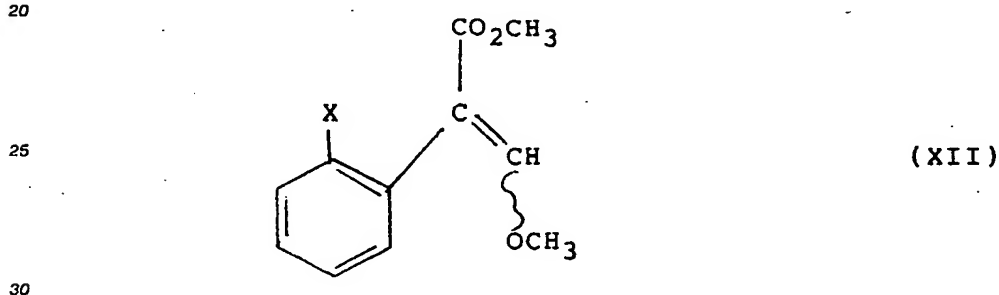
50 7. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 having the general formula (XI) :

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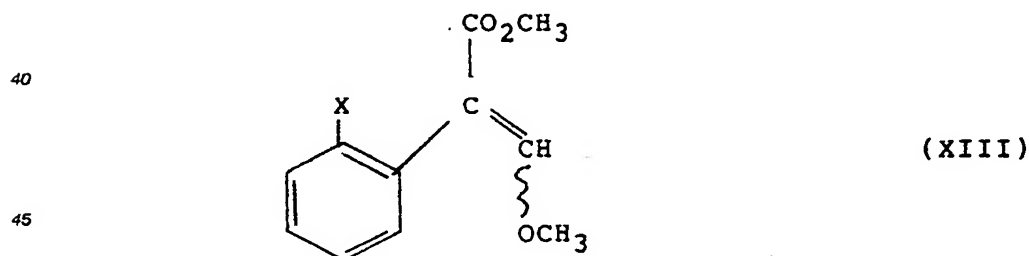
wherein R is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group, and Y is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or a methyl, methoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group.

8. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 having the general formula (XII) :



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy group, each of which is optionally substituted.

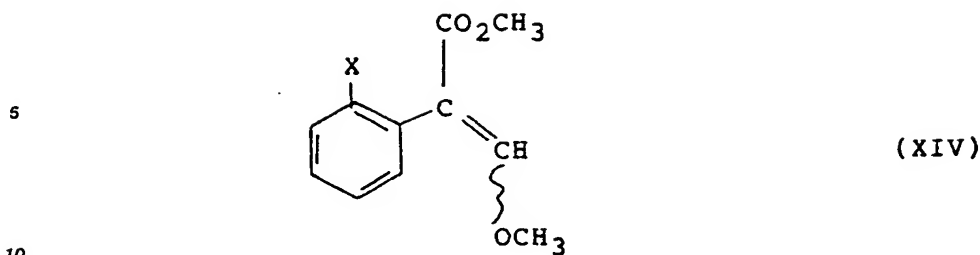
9. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 or 8 having the general formula (XIII) :



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, or optionally substituted alkynyl group.

10. Compounds as claimed in claim 9 wherein the optional substituents are phenyl itself optionally substituted with one or more of the following: fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy or nitro groups.

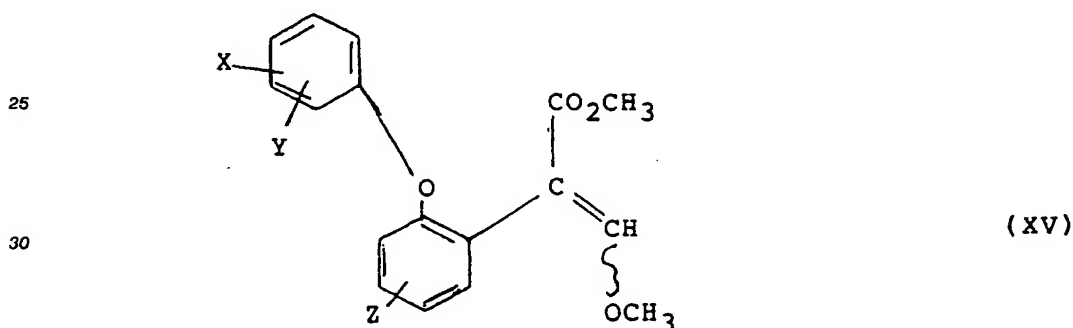
11. Compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 or 8 having the general formula (XIV) :



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted aryloxy group or an optionally substituted arylalkoxy group.

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12. Compounds as claimed in claim 11 wherein X is phenoxy or benzyloxy both optionally substituted with one or more of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxyl, ethyl, ethoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl.

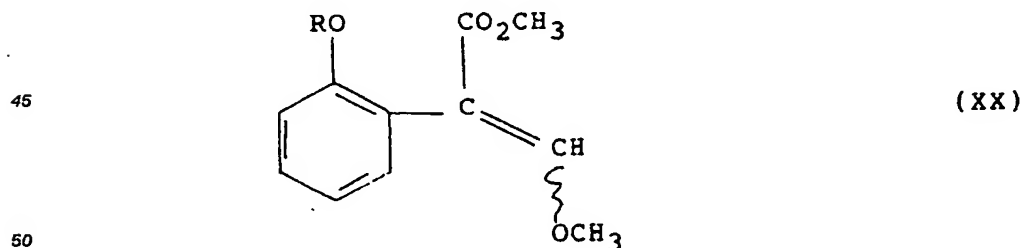
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13. Compounds having the general formula (XV) :



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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are fluorine, chlorine, bromine or hydrogen atoms, or methyl, methoxyl or nitro groups.

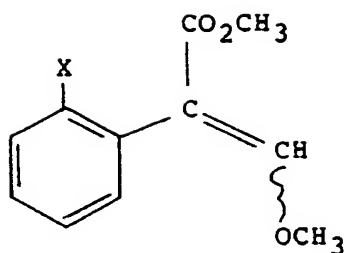
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14. Compounds having the general formula (XX) :



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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein R is hydrogen cyclohexyl, allyl, E-(3-phenyl)allyl, methallyl, E-crotyl, 2-tetrahydropyranyl, pyridyl, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl), pyrimidinyl, methylsulphenylmethyl and phenylsulphenylmethyl.

15. Compounds having the general formula (XIV) :



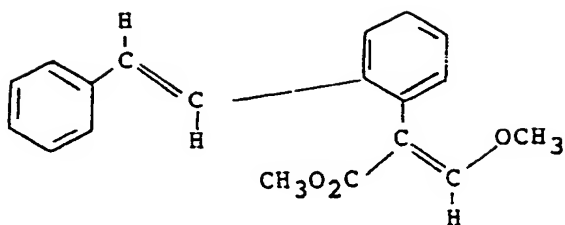
(XIV)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is phenylsulphenyl or phenylsulphinyl.

16. Compounds as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the acrylate group has the E geometry.

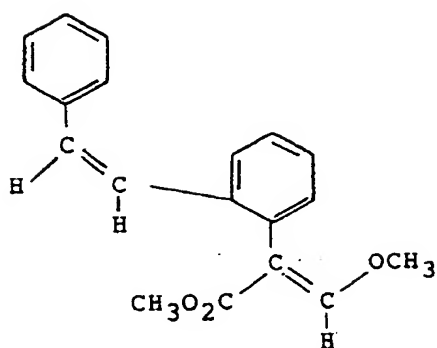
17. Compounds having the specific formulae :

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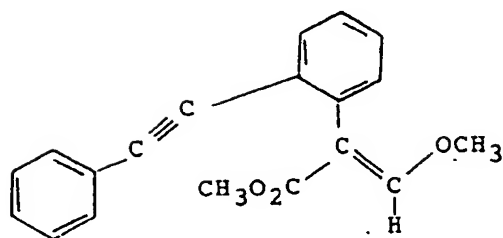
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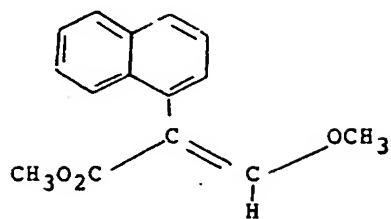
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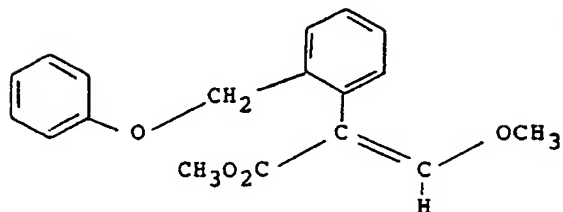
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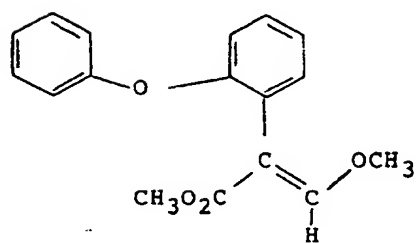
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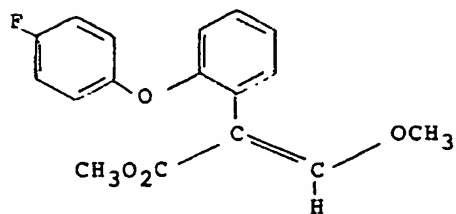
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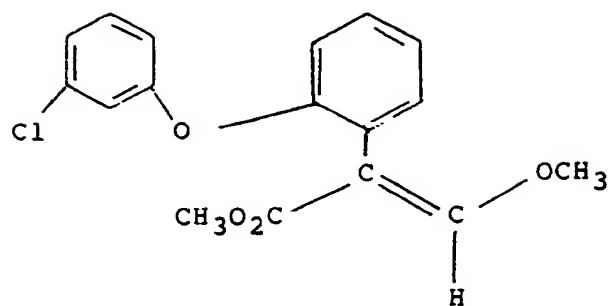
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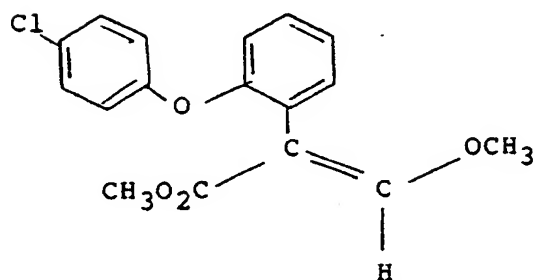
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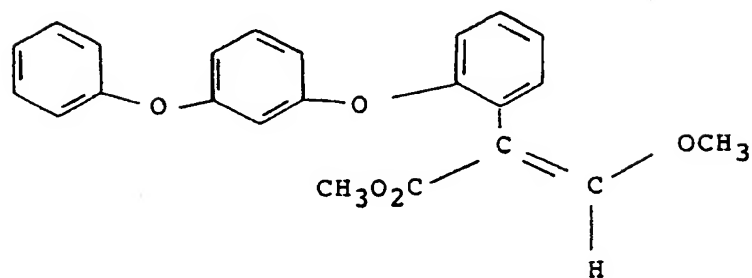
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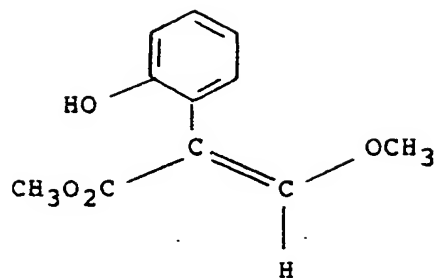
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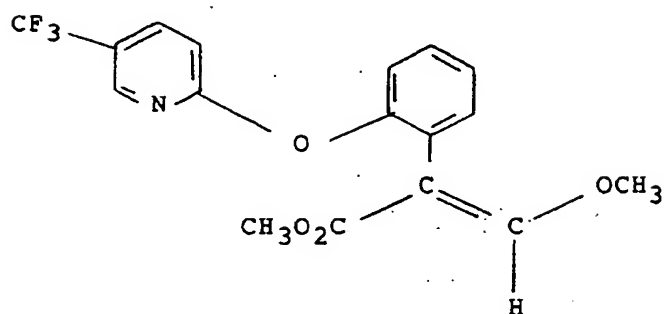
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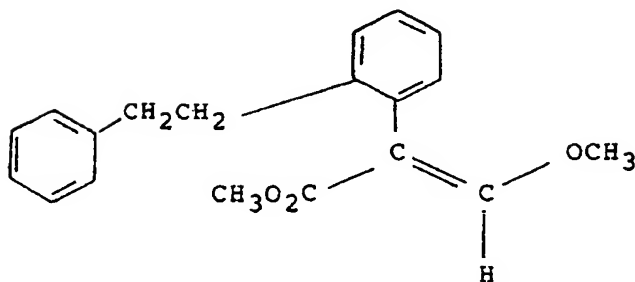
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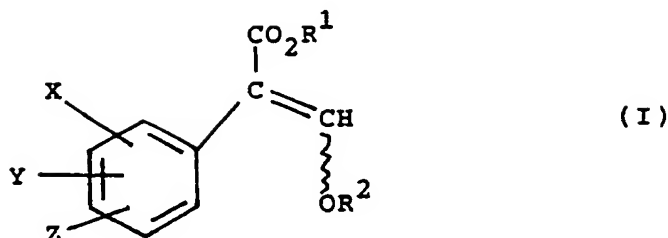
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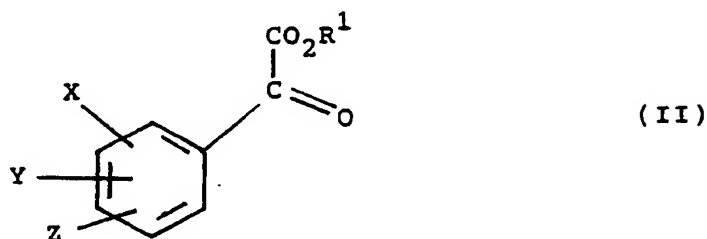
(Compound No. 1 of Table IV)

18. A fungicidal composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound having the general formula (I):



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when R^1 and R^2 are both methyl, Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or when R^1 and R^2 are both methyl and Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; or a metal complex thereof; and a solid carrier or liquid carrier containing a wetting, dispersing or emulsifying agent.

- 30 19. A pesticidal or plant growth regulating composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17 together with a carrier therefor.
20. A composition as claimed in claim 19 which is a fungicidal composition.
- 35 21. A process for preparing compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17 and the compound used in the composition claimed in claim 18 which comprises bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (II):

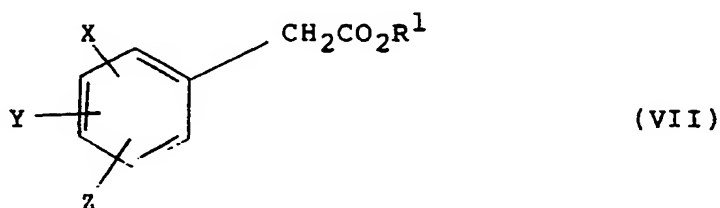


50 wherein R^1 , X, Y and Z are as defined before but R^1 is not a hydrogen atom, with a compound having the general formula (V):



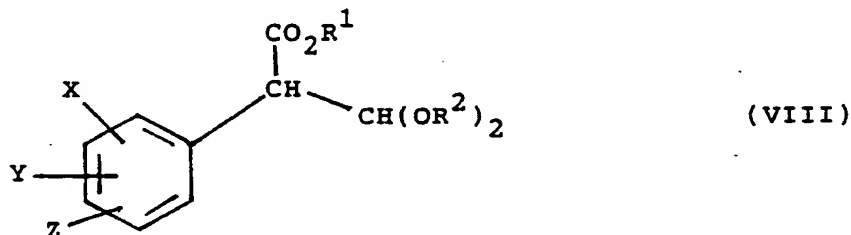
wherein R^2 is as defined before but is not a hydrogen atom.

22. A process for preparing compounds as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17 and the compound used in the composition claimed in claim 18 which comprises bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (VII) :



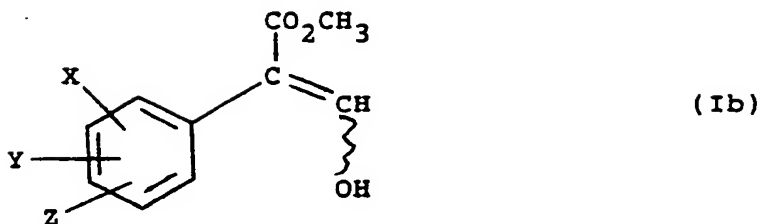
wherein X, Y, Z and R^1 are as defined before but R^1 is not a hydrogen atom, with a base and a compound having the general formula HCO_2R^1 wherein R^1 is as defined before, but is not a hydrogen atom, and then in the same reaction vessel, or in a separate step with a base present, bringing the resulting compound into reaction with a compound of general formula R^2Q wherein R^2 is as defined before and Q is a leaving group.

23. A process for preparing compounds as claimed in any of claims 1 to 17 and the compound used in the composition claimed in claim 18 which comprises bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (VIII) :



wherein R^1 , R^2 , X, Y and Z are as defined before with an appropriate acidic or basic reagent.

24. A process for combating pests or for regulating plant growth which comprises applying to a plant, to a seed of a plant, or to the locus of the plant or seed, a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, a compound as defined in claim 18, or a composition as claimed in any one of claims 18 to 20.
25. A process as claimed in claim 24 in which the pest is a plant fungal infection.
26. Combating weeds or insect pests, or regulating plant growth, by a process as defined in claim 24.
27. Compounds having the general formula (Ib):



and stereoisomers thereof, wherein Y and Z, which are the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; X is substituted alkyl other than haloalkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoro-methyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

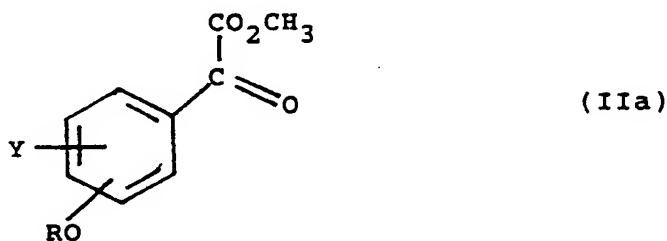
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28. Compounds having the general formula (IIa) :



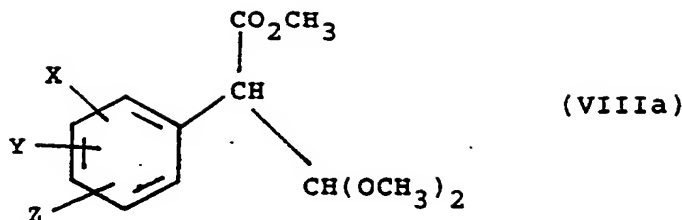
wherein R is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group, and Y is a hydrogen or halogen atom or a methyl, methoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group, provided that when Y is hydrogen RO is not 2,4-dichlorophenoxy, 2- or 4-benzyloxy, 2-(4-methylbenzyloxy), 2-(4-chlorobenzyloxy), 3-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy), or 3-phenoxy; and that when Y is 2-nitro RO is not 5-(2-chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy).

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29. Compounds having the general formula (VIIIa)

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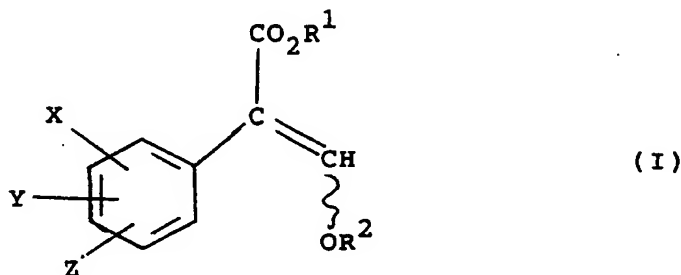


wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinyl; or when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-fluoro, 2-benzoylamino, 4-chloro, 4-methyl or 4-methoxy and that when Z is hydrogen X and Y do not together form 3,4-methylenedioxy; and R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkyl groups.

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Claims for the following Contracting State: AT

1. A process for preparing a compound having the general formula (I):



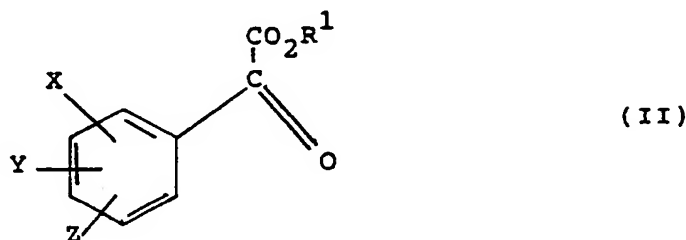
and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$ or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when R¹ and R² are both methyl, Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoro-methyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethylamino and Z is hydrogen, or Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methal-

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lyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or when R¹ and R² are both methyl and Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups; which comprises:

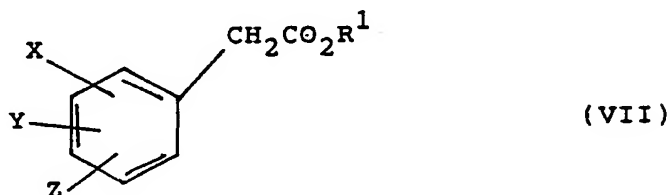
(i) bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (II):



wherein R¹, X, Y and Z are as defined before but R¹ is not a hydrogen atom, with a compound having the general formula (V):

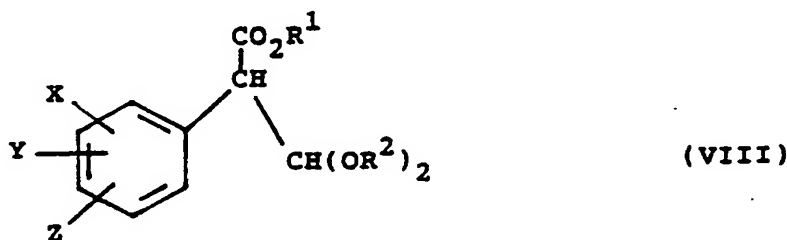


wherein R² is as defined before but is not a hydrogen atom; or
(ii) bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (VII):



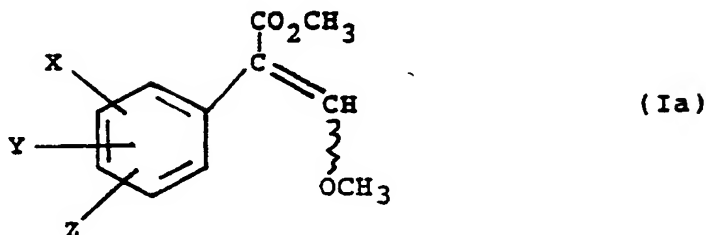
wherein X, Y, Z and R¹ are as defined before but R¹ is not a hydrogen atom, with a base and a compound having the general formula HCO₂R¹ wherein R¹ is as defined before, but is not a hydrogen atom, and then in the same reaction vessel, or in a separate step with a base present, bringing the resulting compound into reaction with a compound of general formula R²Q wherein R² is as defined before and Q is a leaving group; or

(iii) bringing into reaction a compound of general formula (VIII):



wherein R¹, R², X, Y and Z are as defined before with an appropriate acidic or basic reagent.

2. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the formula (Ia):



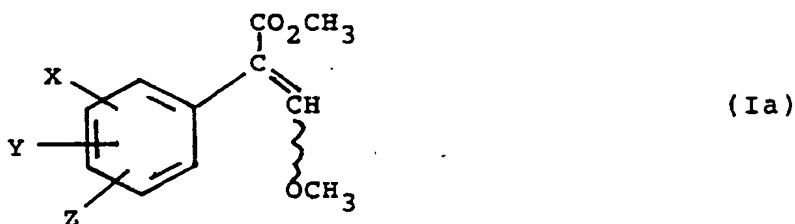
15 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$, or $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ groups; or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms; or when Y is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, nitro, 5-trifluoromethyl, 5-methylsulphenyl or 4-N,N-dimethyl-amino and Z is hydrogen, or when Y is 3-nitro and Z is 5-chloro or 5-nitro, or when Y is 4-methoxy and Z is 5-methoxy, or when Y and Z together form 4,5-methylenedioxy, X, which is in the 2-position of the phenyl ring, is hydroxy, methylsulphenylmethoxy, phenylsulphenylmethoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, methallyloxy, (E)-phenylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tetrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy or pyrimidinylloxy; or

20 when Y and Z are both hydrogen, X is 2-phenylsulphenyl, 2-phenylsulphinyl or 2-phenylsulphonyl; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

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3. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the formula (Ia):

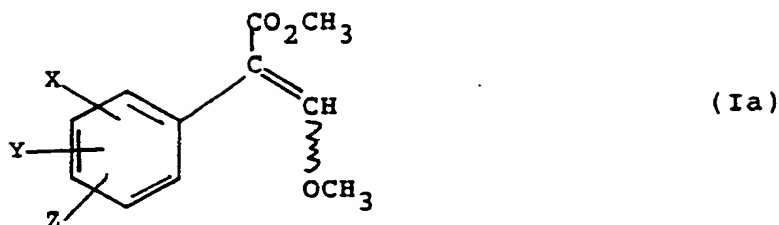


45 and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted arylazo, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

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4. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (Ia):



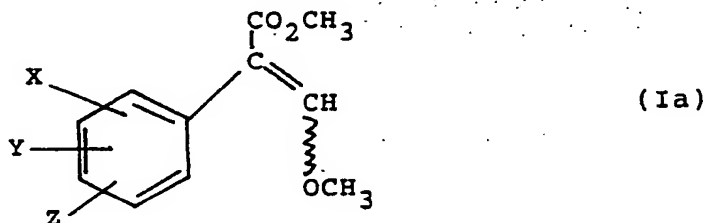
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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted acyloxy, optionally substituted amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused ring, either aromatic or aliphatic, optionally containing one or more heteroatoms, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

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5. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (Ia):

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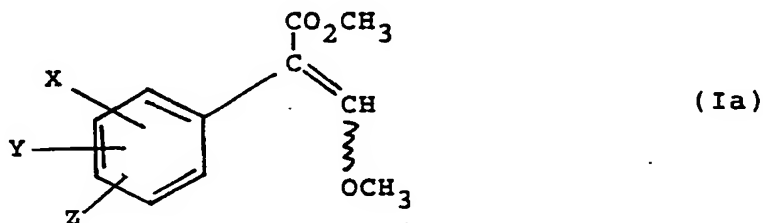
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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen that when X and Y are both hydrogen Z is not 2-benzoylamino and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are hydrogen atoms or alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl groups.

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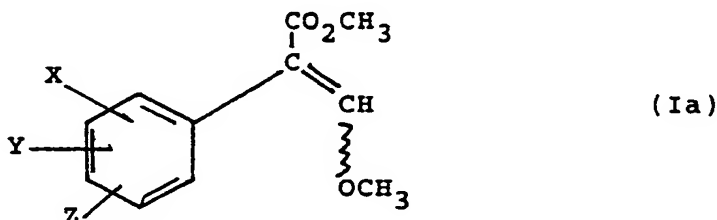
6. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (Ia):

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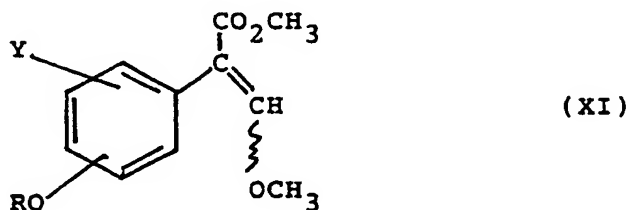
and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen or halogen atoms, or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted alkynyl, alkoxy, optionally substituted aryloxy, optionally substituted arylalkoxy, optionally substituted amino, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ or $-\text{COR}^6$ groups, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused aromatic ring provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen, and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy; and R^3 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, are alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted aralkyl groups.

7. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (Ia):



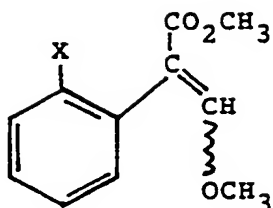
and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, or C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{2-5} alkynyl, phenyl, C_{1-4} haloalkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, phenoxy, benzyloxy or mono- or dialkylamino groups, provided that X, Y and Z are not all hydrogen and that when X is hydrogen and Y is 3-methoxy Z is not 4-methoxy, or the groups X and Y, when they are in adjacent positions on the phenyl ring, may join to form a fused aromatic ring, the aliphatic moieties of any of the foregoing being optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-4} alkoxy groups, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings which themselves are optionally substituted, heterocyclic rings which are either aromatic or non-aromatic and are themselves optionally substituted, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyl or carboxyl groups; and wherein the phenyl moieties of any of the foregoing are optionally substituted with one or more fluorine, chlorine or bromine atoms, phenyl rings, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, nitro, amino nitrile, hydroxy or carboxyl groups.

8. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the formula (XI):



wherein R is an optionally substituted phenyl or an optionally substituted benzyl group, and Y is a hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom or a methyl, methoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl group.

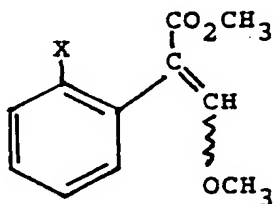
9. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (XII):



(XII)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy group, each of which is optionally substituted.

10. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (XIII):

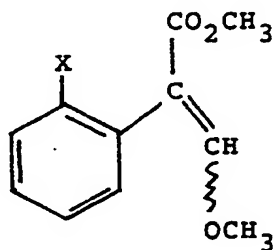


(XIII)

and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, or optionally substituted alkynyl group.

11. A process according to claim 10 wherein the optional substituents are phenyl itself optionally substituted with one or more of the following: fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy or nitro groups.

12. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the formula (XIV):



(XIV)

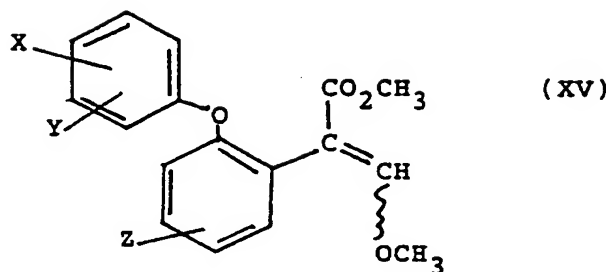
and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is an optionally substituted aryloxy group or an optionally substituted arylalkoxy group.

13. A process according to claim 12 wherein X is phenoxy or benzyloxy both optionally substituted with one or more of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, methoxyl, ethyl, ethoxyl, nitro, nitrile, carboxyl or methoxycarbonyl.

14. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the formula (XV):

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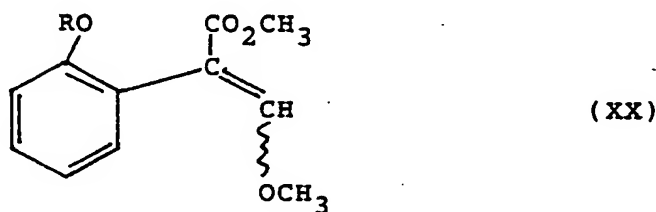
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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X, Y and Z, which may be the same or different, are fluorine, chlorine, bromine or hydrogen atoms, or methyl, methoxyl or nitro groups.

15. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (XX):

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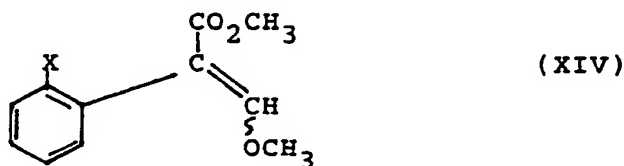
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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein R is hydrogen, cyclohexyl, allyl, E-(3-phenyl)allyl, methallyl, E-crotyl, 2-tetrahydropyranyl, pyridyl, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl), pyrimidinyl, methylsulphenylmethyl and phenylsulphenylmethyl.

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16. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having the general formula (XIV):

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and stereoisomers thereof, wherein X is phenyl-sulphenyl or phenylsulphinyl.

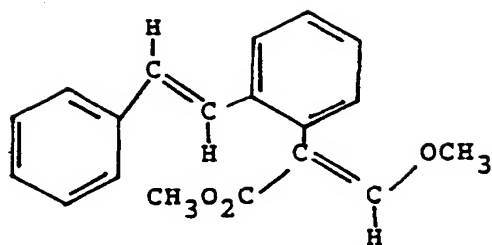
17. A process according to claim 1 wherein the acrylate group of the compound (I) has the (E) geometry.

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18. A process according to claim 1 wherein the compound (I) is a compound having one of the following formulae:

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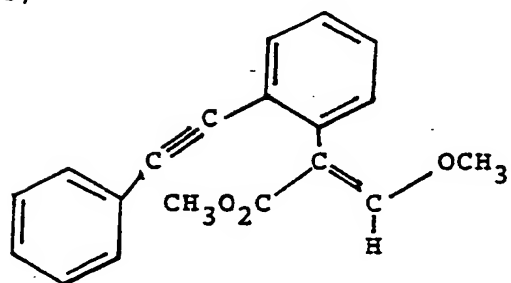
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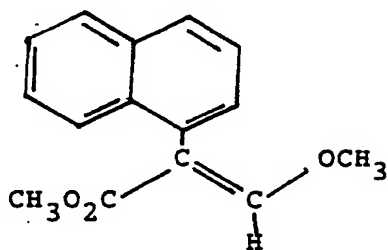
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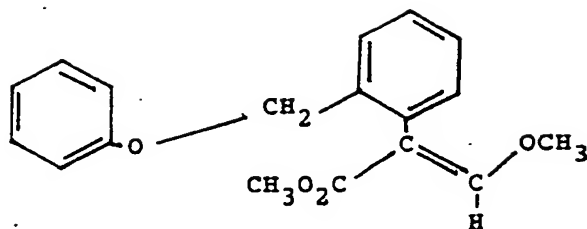


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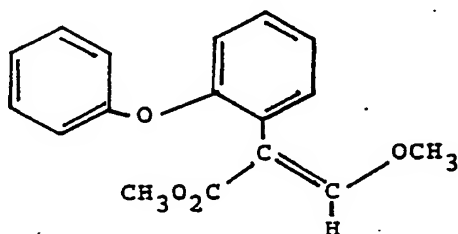
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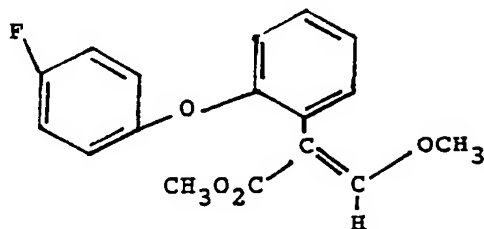
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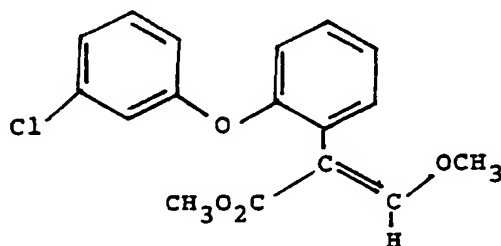
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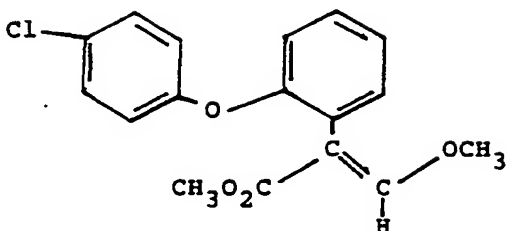
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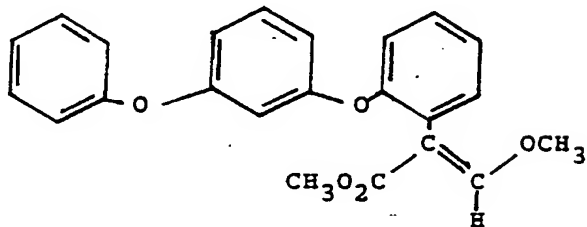
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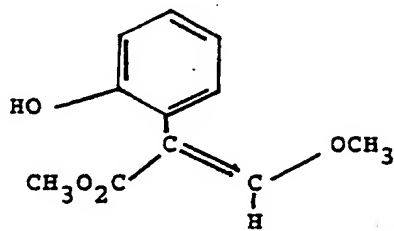
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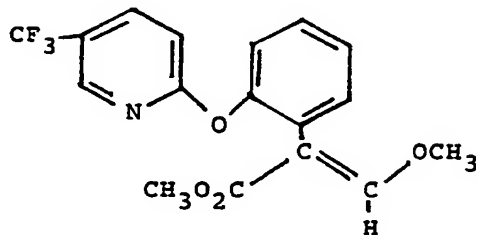
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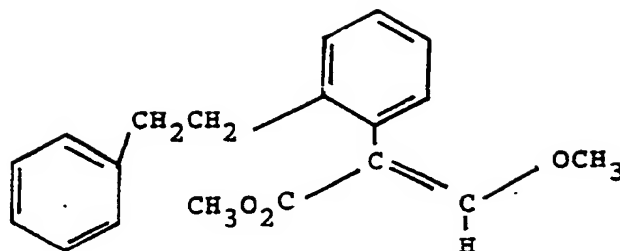
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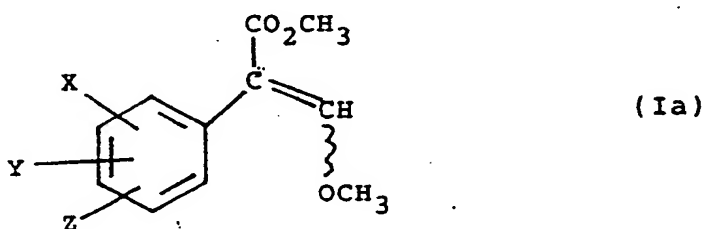
19. A process for combating pests or for regulating plant growth which comprises applying to a plant, to a seed of a plant, or to the locus of the plant or seed, a compound prepared according to claim 1.

20. A process as claimed in claim 19 in which the pest is a plant fungal infection.

Revendications

Revendications pour les Etats contractants suivants: BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

1. Composés de formule générale (Ia) :



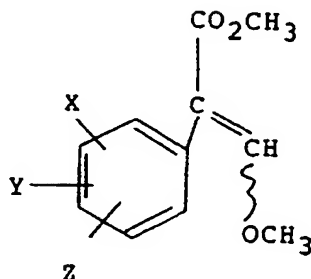
et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$ ou $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$; ou bien les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont à des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéroatomes ; ou, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène, un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou lorsque Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou lorsque Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou lorsque Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfényleméthoxy, phénylsulfényleméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinyleoxy ; ou, lorsque Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe 2-phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfinyle ou 2-phénylsulfonyle ; sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 et R^{10} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle ; et leurs

complexes métalliques.

2. Composés suivant la revendication 1, répondant à la formule générale (Ia) :

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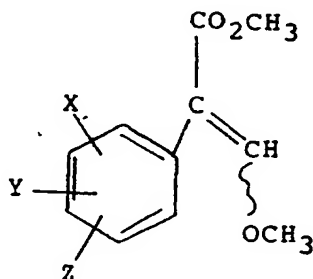
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et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle ; et leurs complexes métalliques.

3. Composés suivant la revendication 1 ou 2, répondant à la formule générale (Ia) :

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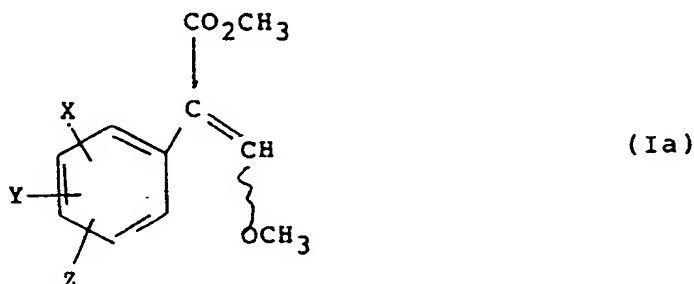
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et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle,

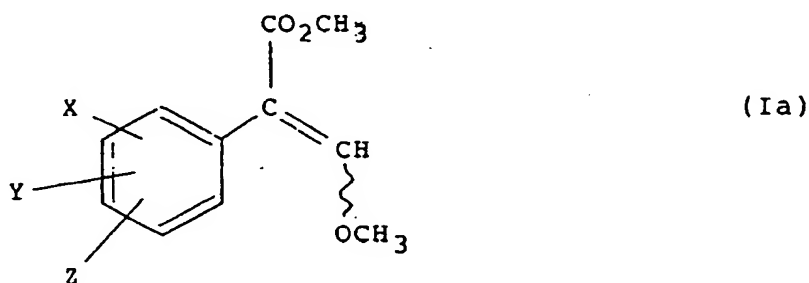
alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle ; et leurs complexes métalliques.

4. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3 et répondant à la formule générale (La) :



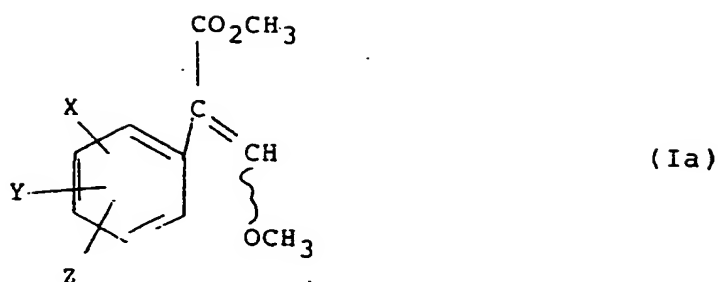
et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle ; et leurs complexes métalliques.

5. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, répondant à la formule générale (La) :



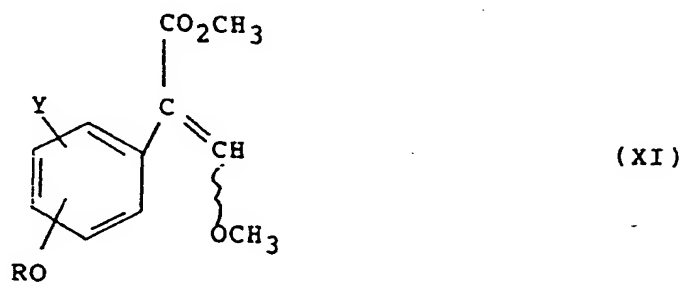
et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau aromatique condensé, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène et que, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des groupes alkyle, phényle facultativement substitué ou aralkyle facultativement substitué.

6. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 3, répondant à la formule générale (La) :



et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène, de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, ou des groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alcényle en C₂ à C₅, alcynyle en C₂ à C₅, alcynyle en C₂ à C₅, phényle, halogénalkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, phénoxy, benzoyloxy ou mono- ou dialkylamino, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy, ou bien les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau aromatique condensé, les groupements aliphatiques de n'importe lesquels des groupes précités étant facultativement substitués avec un ou plusieurs groupes alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, atomes de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, noyaux phényle qui sont eux-mêmes facultativement substitués, noyaux hétérocycliques qui sont aromatiques ou non aromatiques et sont eux-mêmes facultativement substitués, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyle ou carboxyle ; et dans lesquels les groupements phényle de n'importe lesquels des groupes précités sont facultativement substitués avec un ou plusieurs atomes de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, noyaux phényle, groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyle ou carboxyle.

30 7. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 4, répondant à la formule générale (XI) :

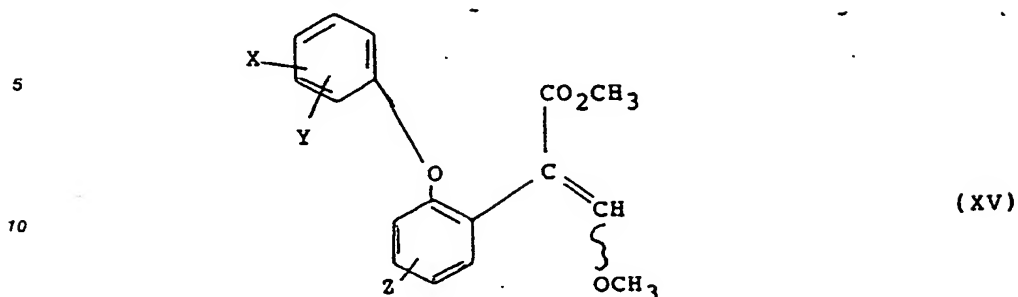


45 dans laquelle R représente un groupe phényle facultativement substitué ou un groupe benzyle facultativement substitué, et Y représente un atome d'hydrogène, de fluor, de chlore ou de brome ou un groupe méthyle, méthoxy, nitro, nitrile, carboxyle ou méthoxycarbonyle.

50 8. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5, répondant à la formule générale (XII) :

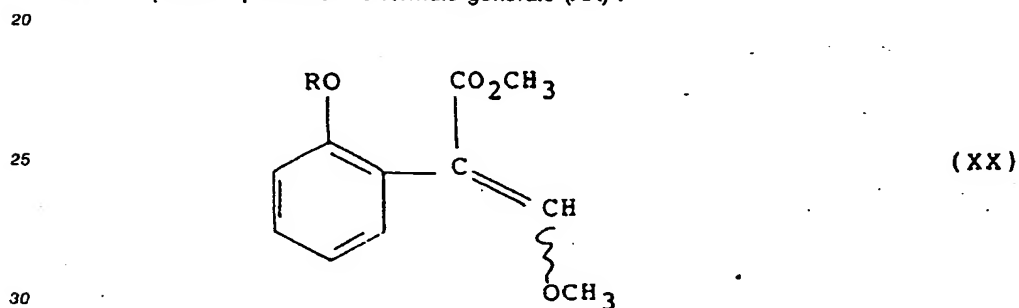
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13. Composés répondant à la formule générale (XV) :



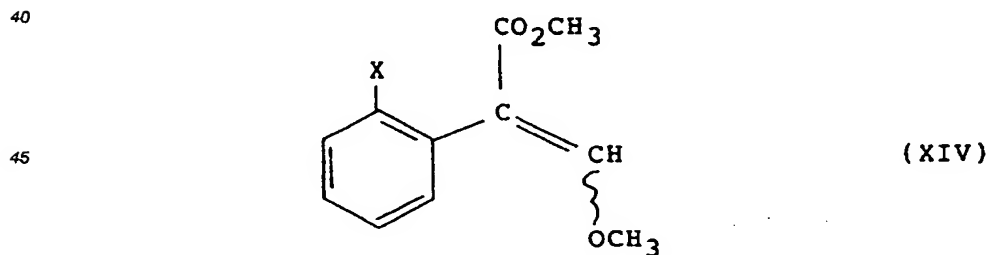
15 et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes de fluor, de chlore, de brome ou d'hydrogène ou des groupes méthyle, méthoxyle ou nitro.

14. Composés répondant à la formule générale (XX) :



et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle R représente l'hydrogène, un groupe cyclohexyle, allyle, E-(3-phényl)allyle, méthallyle, E-crétyle, 2-tétrahydropyrannyle, pyridyle, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyle), pyrimidinyle, méthylsulfénylméthyle ou phénylsulfénylméthyle.

15. Composés répondant à la formule générale (XIV) :

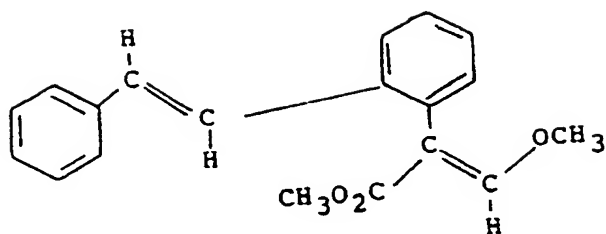


50 et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe phénylsulfényle ou phénylsulfinyle.

16. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, dans lesquels le groupe acrylate possède la configuration géométrique E.

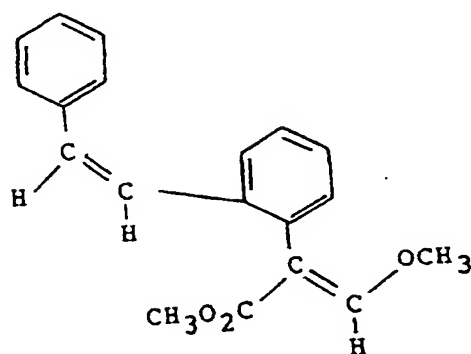
17. Composés répondant aux formules spécifiques :

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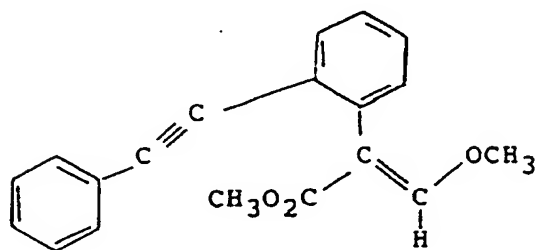
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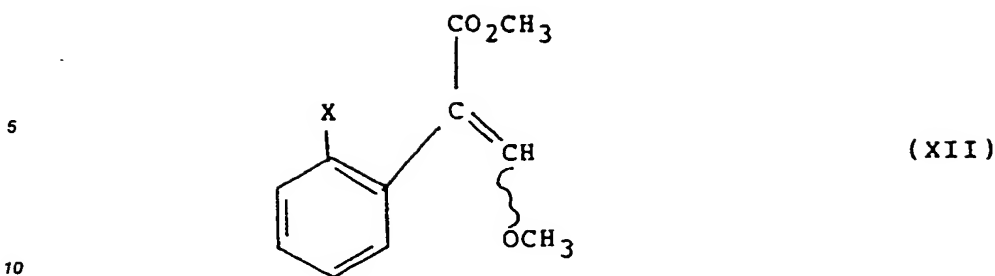


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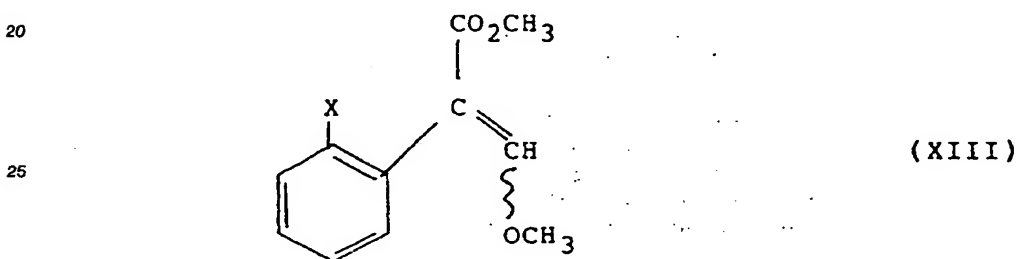


(Composé N° 19 du tableau I)



et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe alkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryloxy ou arylalkoxy, chacun de ces groupes étant facultativement substitué.

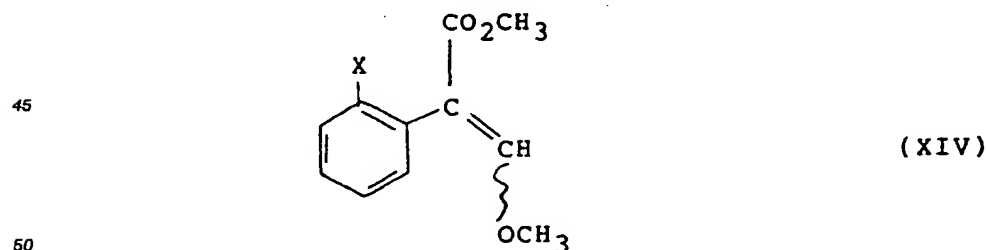
9. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5 ou 8, répondant à la formule générale (XIII) :



et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué ou alcynyle facultativement substitué.

10. Composés suivant la revendication 9, dans lesquels les substituants facultatifs sont des groupes phényle, portant eux-mêmes un ou plusieurs des substituants facultatifs suivants : le fluor, le chlore ou le brome ou des groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄ ou nitro.

11. Composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5 ou 8, répondant à la formule générale (XIV) :



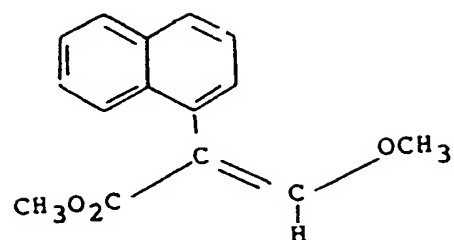
et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe aryloxy facultativement substitué ou un groupe arylalkoxy facultativement substitué.

12. Composés suivant la revendication 11, dans lesquels X représente un groupe phénoxy ou benzyloxy, l'un et l'autre portant un ou plusieurs substituants facultatifs choisis entre le fluor, le chlore, le brome, des groupes méthyle, méthoxy, éthyle, éthoxy, nitro, nitrile, carboxyle ou méthoxycarbonyle.

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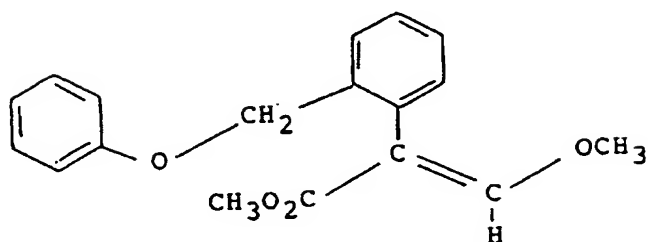
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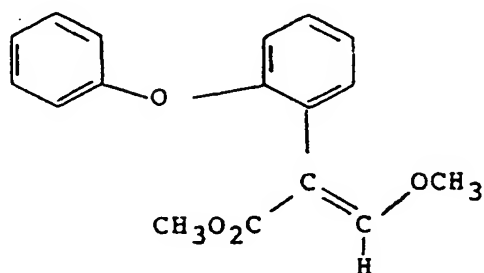
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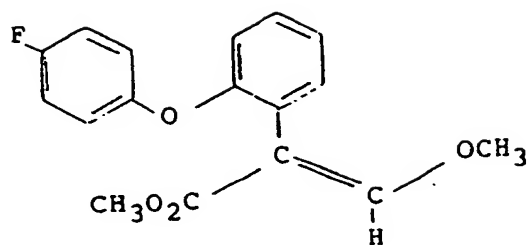


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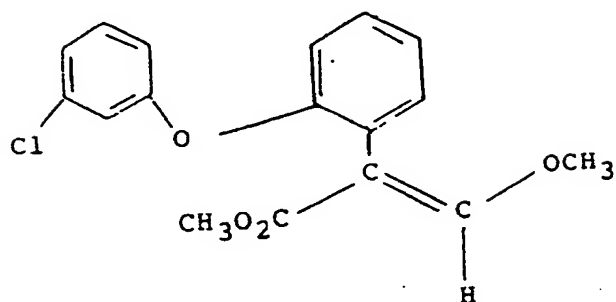
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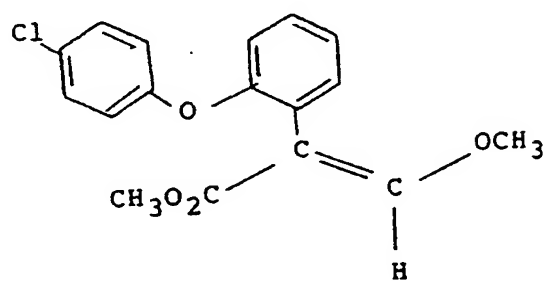
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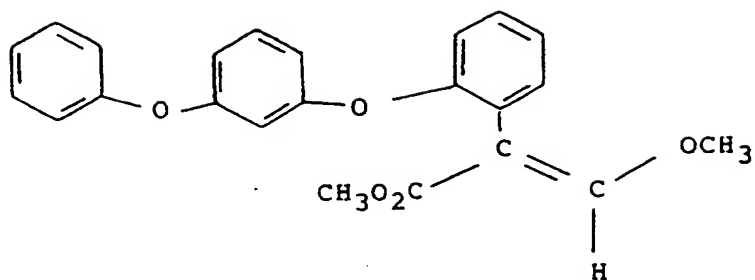
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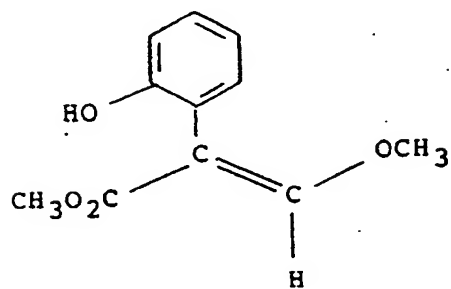
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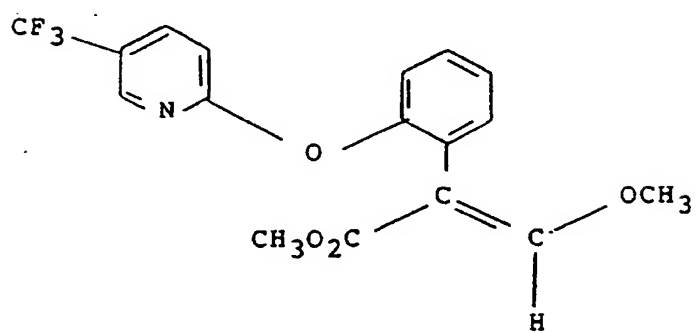
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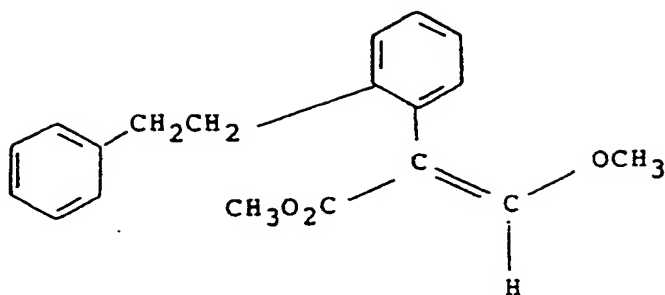


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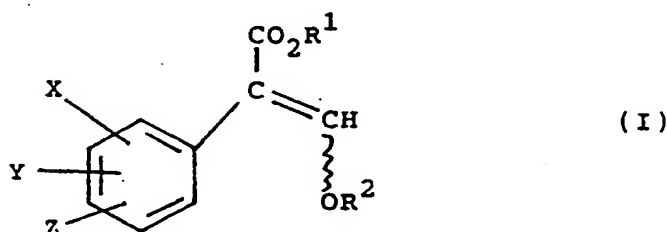
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(Composé N° 1 du tableau IV)

18. Composition fongicide comprenant, comme ingrédient actif, un composé de formule générale (I) :

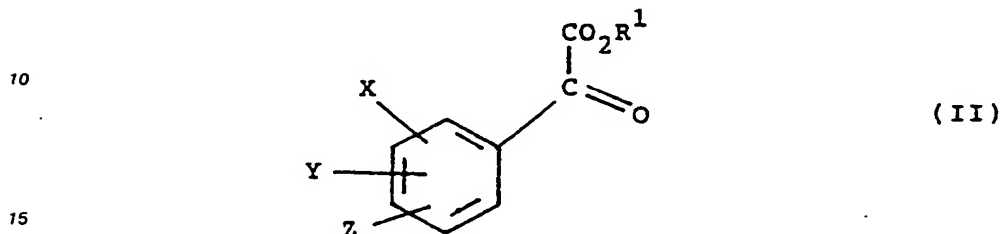


et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ ou $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$; ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans les positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes ou, lorsque R^1 et R^2 représentent l'un et l'autre un groupe méthyle, Y représente l'hydrogène, un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfénylméthoxy, phénylsulfénylméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinnyloxy ; ou, lorsque R^1 et R^2 représentent l'un et l'autre des groupes méthyle et Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfinyle ou 2-phénylsulfonyle ; et R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 et R^{10} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle ; ou un de ses complexes métalliques ; et un support solide ou un support liquide contenant un agent mouillant, dispersant ou émulsionnant.

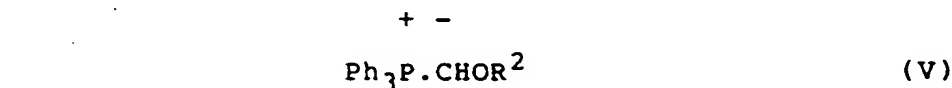
19. Composition pesticide ou régulatrice de croissance des plantes, comprenant, comme ingrédient actif, un composé suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 17 en association avec un support destiné à ce composé.

20. Composition suivant la revendication 19, qui est une composition fongicide.

21. Procédé de préparation de composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 17 et du composé utilisé dans la composition suivant la revendication 18, qui consiste à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (II) :

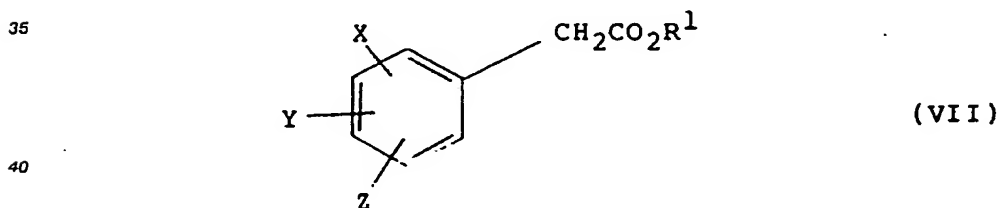


dans laquelle R^1 , X, Y et Z répondent aux définitions précitées, mais R^1 ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, avec un composé de formule générale (V) :



dans laquelle R^2 répond à la définition précitée, mais ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène.

22. Procédé de préparation de composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 17 et du composé utilisé dans la composition suivant la revendication 18, qui consiste à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (VII) :



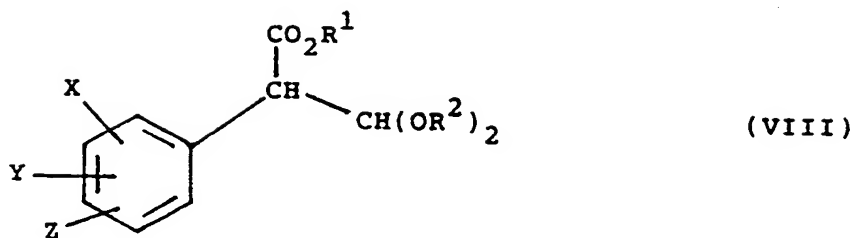
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dans laquelle X, Y, Z et R^1 répondent aux définitions précitées, mais R^1 ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, avec une base et un composé de formule générale HCO_2R^1 dans laquelle R^1 répond à la définition précitée, mais ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, puis, dans le même réacteur, ou dans une étape distincte en présence d'une base, à mettre le composé résultant en réaction avec un composé de formule générale R^2Q dans laquelle R^2 répond à la définition précitée et Q représente un groupe partant.

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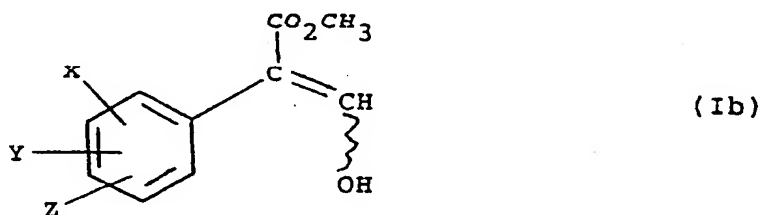
23. Procédé de préparation de composés suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 17 et du composé utilisé dans la composition suivant la revendication 18, qui consiste à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (VIII) :

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dans laquelle R¹, R², X, Y et Z répondent aux définitions précitées, avec un réactif acide ou basique approprié.

- 15 24. Procédé destiné à la lutte contre des parasites ou à la régulation de la croissance de plantes, qui consiste à appliquer à une plante, aux graines d'une plante ou au milieu dans lequel se trouvent la plante ou les graines, un composé suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 17, un composé suivant la revendication 18 ou une composition suivant l'une quelconque des revendications 18 à 20.
- 20 25. Procédé suivant la revendication 24, dans lequel le parasite est un champignon provoquant une infection chez des végétaux.
26. Lutte contre des mauvaises herbes ou des insectes parasites, ou bien régulation de la croissance de plantes, par un procédé suivant la revendication 24.
- 25 27. Composés de formule générale (Ib) :

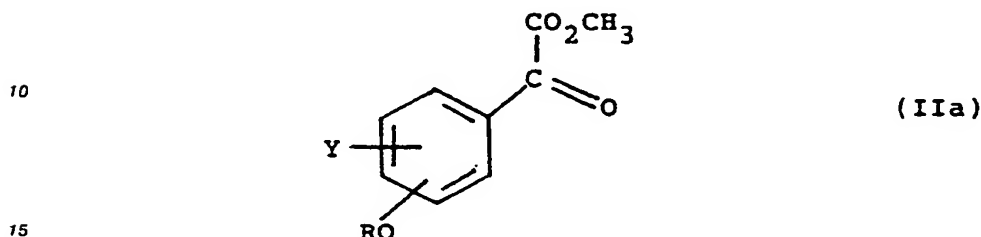


et leurs stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle Y et Z, qui sont identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, -CO₂R³, -CONR⁴R⁵, -COR⁶, -CR⁷=NR⁸ ou -N=CR⁹R¹⁰ ;

X représente un groupe alkyle substitué autre qu'un groupe halogénalkyle, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, -CO₂R³, -CONR⁴R⁵, -COR⁶, -CR⁷=NR⁸ ou -N=CR⁹R¹⁰ ; ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéroatomes ; ou, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène ou un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfénylméthoxy, phénylsulfénylméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinylloxy ; ou, lorsque Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe 2-phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfényle ou 2-phénylsulfonyle ; et R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ et R¹⁰, qui

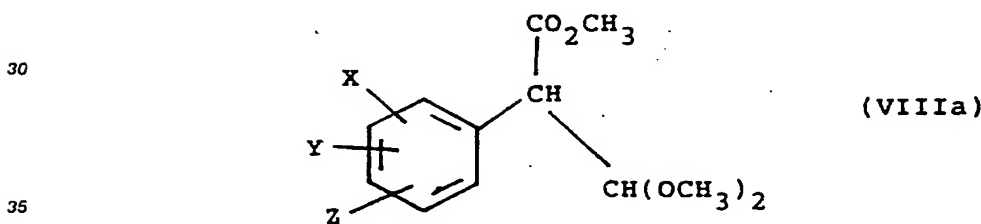
peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

5 28. Composés de formule générale (IIa) :



dans laquelle R représente un groupe phényle facultativement substitué ou un groupe benzyle facultativement substitué, et Y représente un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe méthyle, méthoxy, nitro, nitrile, carboxyle ou méthoxycarbonyle, sous réserve que, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène, RO ne représente pas un groupe 2,4-dichlorophénoxy, 2-ou 4-benzyloxy, 2-(4-méthylbenzyloxy), 2-(4-chlorobenzyloxy), 3-(2-chloro-4-trifluorométhylphénoxy) ou 3-phénoxy ; et que, lorsque Y représente un groupe 2-nitro, RO ne représente pas un groupe 5-(2-chloro-4-trifluorométhylphénoxy).

25 29. Composés de formule générale (VIIIa)

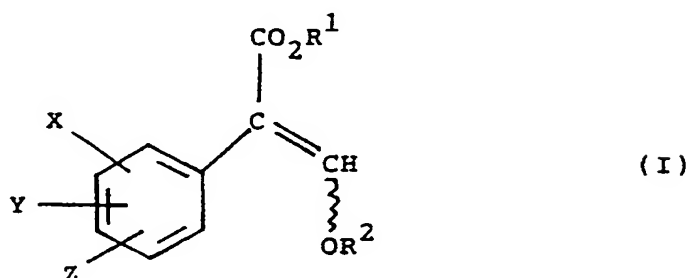


dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$, ou $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$; ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes ; ou, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène, un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfénylméthoxy, phénylsulfénylméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinyl oxy ; ou, lorsque Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe 2-phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfinyle ou 2-phénylsulfonyle ; sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-fluoro, 2-benzoylamino, 4-chloro, 4-méthyle ou 4-méthoxy et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène, X et Y ne forment pas conjointement un groupe 3,4-méthylèneoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 et R^{10} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes

d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

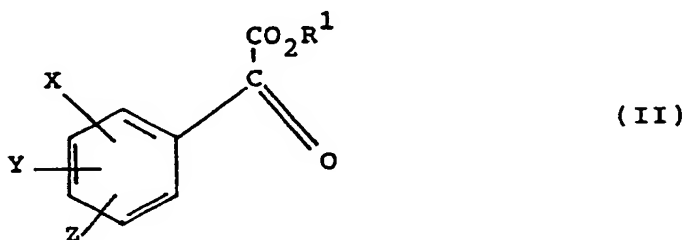
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1. Procédé de préparation d'un composé de formule générale (I) :



et de ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou bien des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$ ou $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$; ou bien les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéroatomes ; ou, lorsque R^1 et R^2 représentent l'un et l'autre des groupes méthyle, Y représente l'hydrogène, un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfényleméthoxy, phénylsulfényleméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinyl oxy ; ou, lorsque R^1 et R^2 représentent l'un et l'autre des groupes méthyle et Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe 2-phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfinyle ou 2-phénylsulfonyl ; et R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 et R^{10} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle, qui consiste :

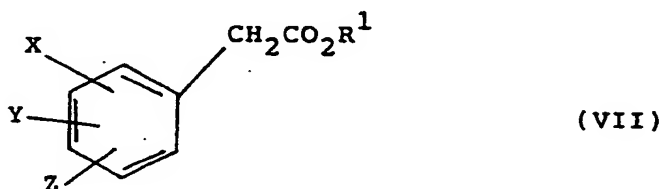
(i) à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (II) :



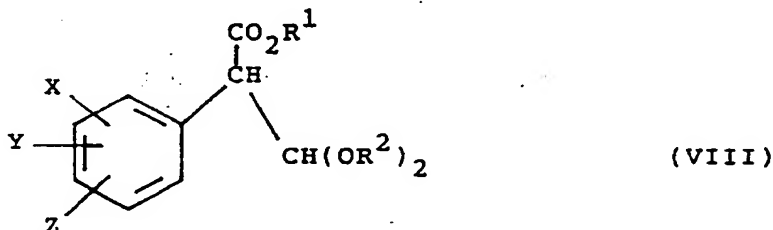
dans laquelle R^1 , X, Y et Z répondent aux définitions précitées, mais R^1 ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, avec un composé de formule générale (V) :



dans laquelle R^2 répond à la définition précitée, mais ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène : ou
(ii) à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (VII) :

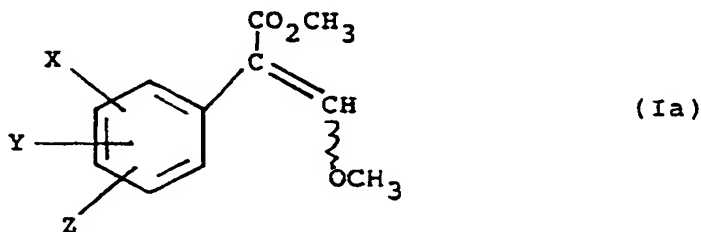


dans laquelle X, Y, Z et R^1 répondent aux définitions précitées, mais R^1 ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, avec une base et un composé de formule générale HCO_2R^1 dans laquelle R^1 répond à la définition précitée, mais ne représente pas un atome d'hydrogène, puis, dans le même réacteur, ou dans une étape distincte en présence d'une base, à mettre le composé résultant en réaction avec un composé de formule générale R^2Q dans laquelle R^2 répond à la définition précitée et Q, représente un groupe partant ; ou
(iii) à mettre en réaction un composé de formule générale (VIII) :



dans laquelle R^1 , R^2 , X, Y et Z répondent aux définitions précitées, avec un réactif acide ou basique approprié.

2. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composant (L) est un composé de formule (Ia) :



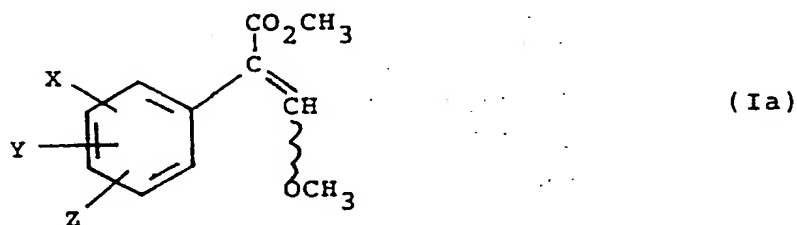
et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitués, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substi-

5 tué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ ou $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$; ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans les positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un

10 noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéroatomes; ou, lorsque Y représente l'hydrogène, un groupe fluoro, chloro, méthyle, nitro, 5-trifluorométhyle, 5-méthylsulfényle ou 4-N,N-diméthylamino et Z représente l'hydrogène, ou lorsque Y représente un groupe 3-nitro et Z représente un groupe 5-chloro ou 5-nitro, ou lorsque Y représente un groupe 4-méthoxy et Z représente un groupe 5-méthoxy, ou lorsque Y et Z forment conjointement un groupe

15 4,5-méthylènedioxy, X, qui est en position 2 du noyau phényle, représente un groupe hydroxy, méthylsulfényleméthoxy, phénylsulfényleméthoxy, cyclohexyloxy, allyloxy, méthallyloxy, (E)-phénylallyloxy, (E)-crotyloxy, 2-tétrahydropyranyloxy, pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -pyridyl)oxy ou pyrimidinyleoxy; ou, lorsque Y et Z représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, X représente un groupe 2-phénylsulfényle, 2-phénylsulfinyle ou 2-phénylsulfonyle; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 et R^{10} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

- 20 3. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule (Ia):

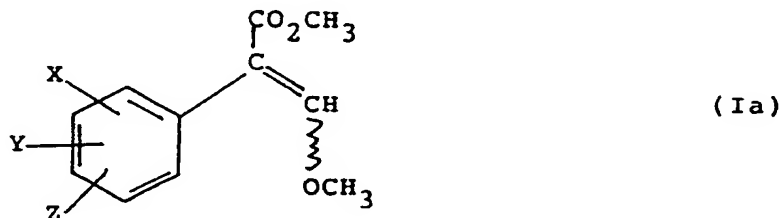


30 et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy

35 facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, arylazo facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne

40 représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

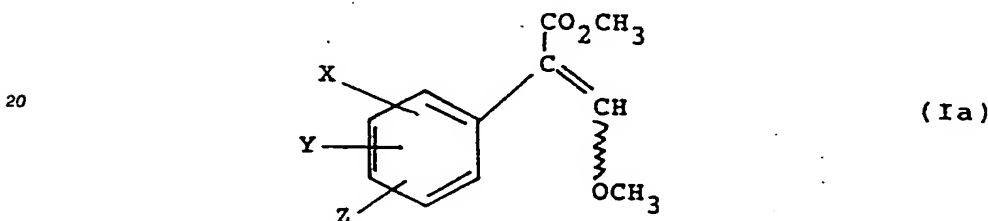
- 45 4. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (Ia):



55 et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents,

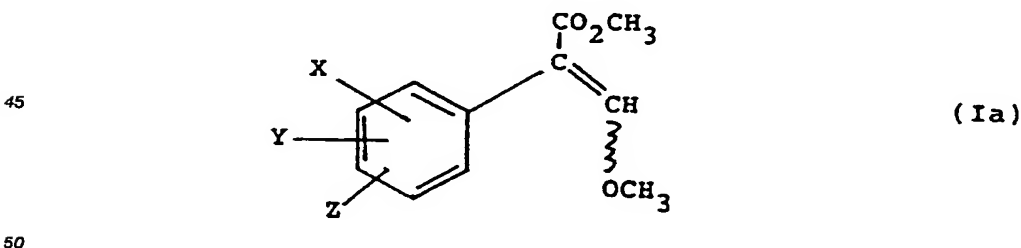
représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, acyloxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau condensé, aromatique ou aliphatique, contenant facultativement un ou plusieurs hétéro-atomes, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

5. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (Ia) :



et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, halogénalkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, amino, acylamino, nitro, nitrile, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, sous réserve que, X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, que, lorsque X et Y représentent l'un et l'autre l'hydrogène, Z ne représente pas un groupe 2-benzoylamino et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R^3 , R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou des groupes alkyle, cycloalkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryle facultativement substitué, aralkyle facultativement substitué ou cycloalkylalkyle.

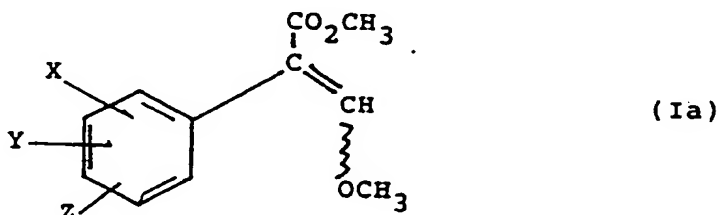
6. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (Ia) :



et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène ou d'halogènes, ou des groupes alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué, aryle facultativement substitué, alcynyle facultativement substitué, alkoxy, aryloxy facultativement substitué, arylalkoxy facultativement substitué, amino facultativement substitué, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ ou $-\text{COR}^6$, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau aromatique condensé, sous réserve que, X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène, et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un

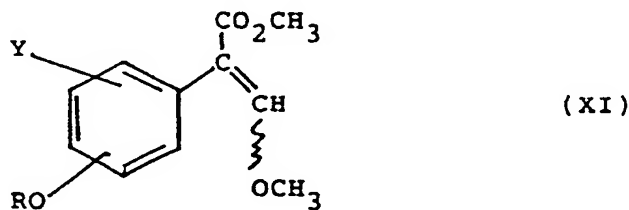
groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy ; et R³ et R⁵, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des groupes alkyle, phényle facultativement substitué ou aralkyle facultativement substitué.

- 5 7. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (Ia) :



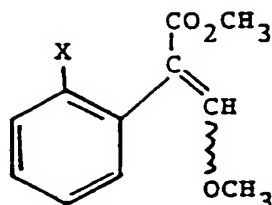
et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes d'hydrogène, de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, ou des groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alcényle en C₂ à C₅, alcynyle en C₂ à C₅, phényle, halogénalkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, phénoxy, benzoyloxy ou mono- ou dialkylamino, sous réserve que X, Y et Z ne représentent pas tous l'hydrogène et que, lorsque X représente l'hydrogène et Y représente un groupe 3-méthoxy, Z ne représente pas un groupe 4-méthoxy, ou les groupes X et Y, lorsqu'ils sont dans des positions adjacentes sur le noyau phényle, peuvent se réunir pour former un noyau aromatique condensé, les groupements aliphatiques de n'importe lesquels des groupes précités étant facultativement substitués avec un ou plusieurs groupes alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, atomes de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, noyaux phényle qui sont eux-mêmes facultativement substitués, noyaux hétérocycliques qui sont aromatiques ou non aromatiques et sont eux-mêmes facultativement substitués, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyle ou carboxyle ; et dans lesquels les groupements phényle de n'importe lesquels des groupes précités sont facultativement substitués avec un ou plusieurs atomes de fluor, de chlore ou de brome, noyaux phényle, groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄, nitro, amino, nitrile, hydroxyle ou carboxyle.

8. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule (XI) :



dans laquelle R représente un groupe phényle facultativement substitué ou un groupe benzyle facultativement substitué, et Y représente un atome d'hydrogène, de fluor, de chlore ou de brome ou un groupe méthyle, méthoxyle, nitro, nitrile, carboxyle ou méthoxycarbonyle.

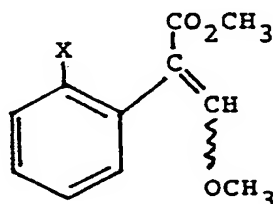
9. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (XII) :



(XII)

et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe alkyle, alcényle, alcynyle, aryloxy ou arylalkoxy, chacun de ces groupes étant facultativement substitué.

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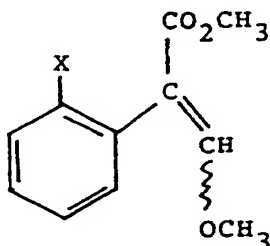


(XIII)

et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe alkyle facultativement substitué, alcényle facultativement substitué ou alcynyle facultativement substitué.

11. Procédé suivant la revendication 10, dans lequel les substituants facultatifs sont des groupes phényle portant eux-mêmes un ou plusieurs des substituants facultatifs suivants : des atomes de fluor, de chlore ou de brome ou des groupes alkyle en C₁ à C₄, alkoxy en C₁ à C₄ ou nitro.

12. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule (XIV) :



(XIV)

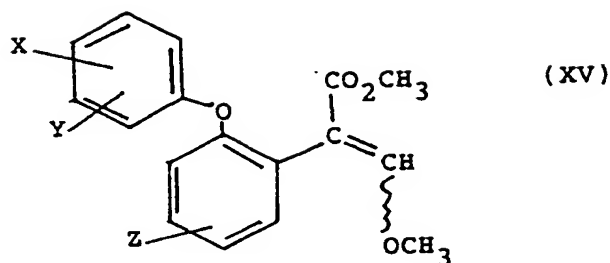
et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe aryloxy facultativement substitué ou un groupe arylalkoxy facultativement substitué.

13. Procédé suivant la revendication 12, dans lequel X représente un groupe phénoxy ou benzyloxy, l'un et l'autre portant un ou plusieurs substituants facultatifs choisis entre des atomes de fluor, de chlore et de brome et des groupes méthyle, méthoxyle, éthyle, éthoxyle, nitro, nitrile, carboxyle et méthoxycarbonyle.

14. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule (XV) :

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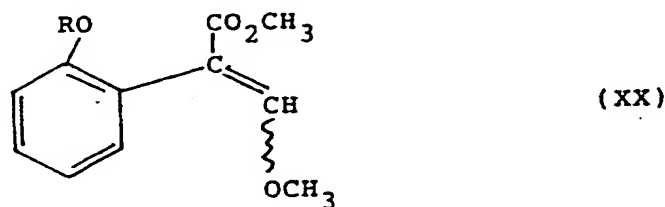
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et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X, Y et Z, qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent des atomes de fluor, de chlore, de brome ou d'hydrogène ou des groupes méthyle, méthoxy ou nitro.

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15. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (XX) :

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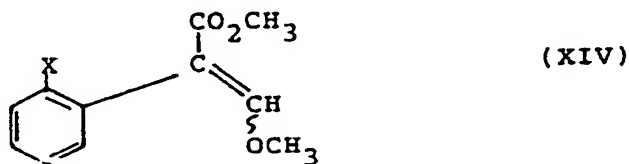
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et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle R représente l'hydrogène, un groupe cyclohexyle, allyle, E-(3-phényl)allyle, méthallyle, E-crotyle, 2-tétrahydropyranyyle, pyridyle, 2-(5'-CF₃-pyridyle), pyrimidinyle, méthylsulfénylméthyle ou phénylsulfénylméthyle.

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16. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à la formule générale (XIV) :

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et ses stéréo-isomères, formule dans laquelle X représente un groupe phénylsulfényle ou phénylsulfinyle.

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17. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le groupe acrylate du composé (I) possède la configuration géométrique (E).

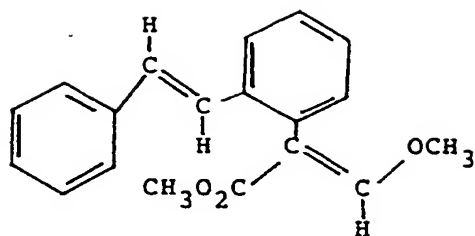
18. Procédé suivant la revendication 1, dans lequel le composé (I) est un composé répondant à l'une des formules suivantes :

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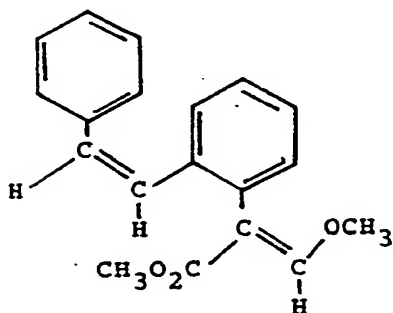
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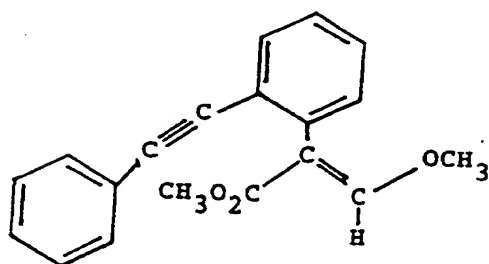
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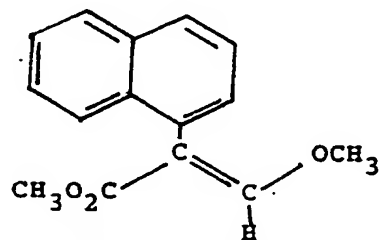


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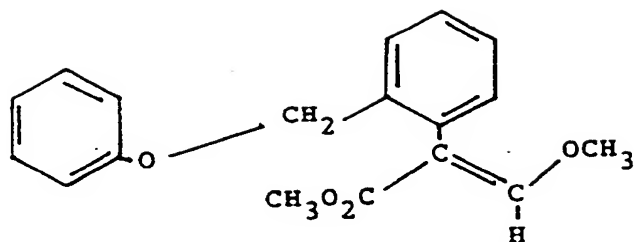
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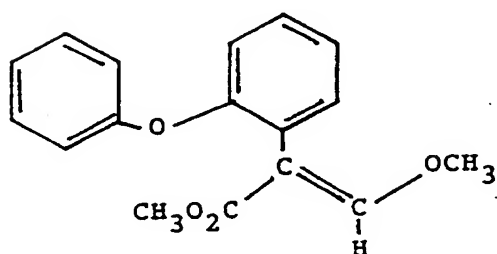
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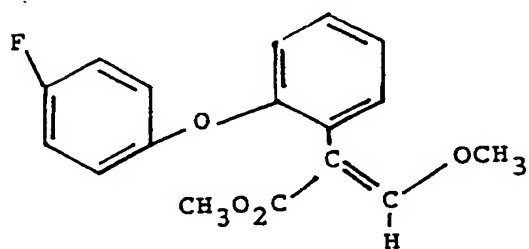
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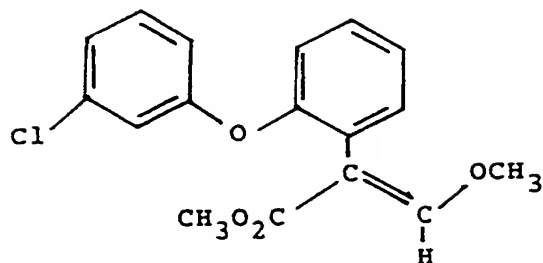
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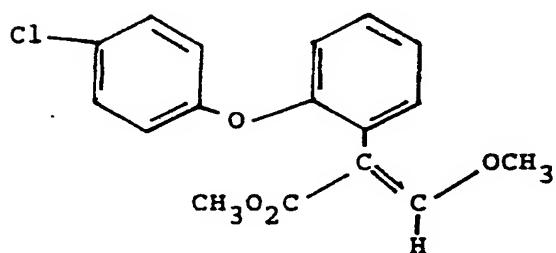
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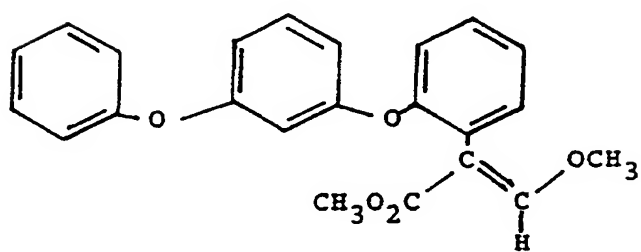
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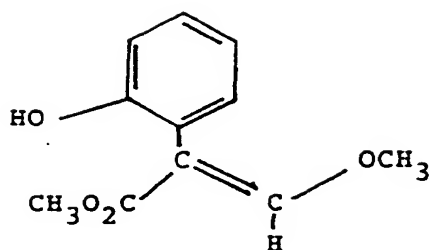
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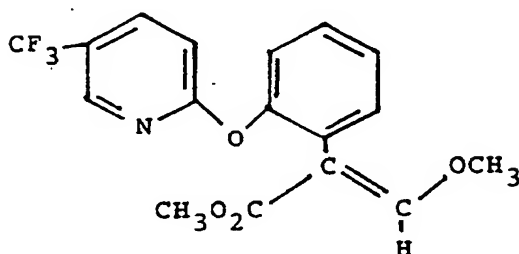
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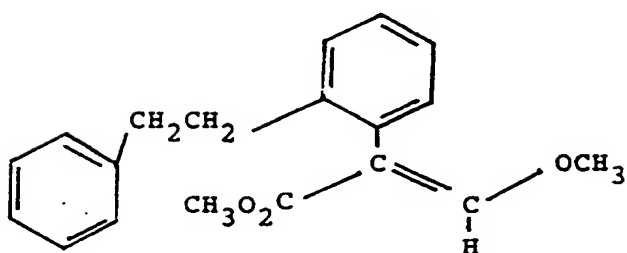
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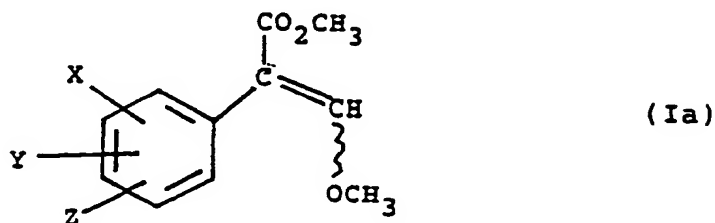
19. Procédé destiné à la lutte contre des parasites ou à la régulation de la croissance de plantes, qui consiste à appliquer à une plante, aux graines d'une plante ou au milieu dans lequel se trouvent la plante ou les graines un composé préparé suivant la revendication 1.

20. Procédé suivant la revendication 19, dans lequel le parasite est un champignon responsable d'une infection chez des végétaux.

Patentansprüche

Patentansprüche für folgende Vertragsstaaten: BE, CH, DE, FR, GB, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE

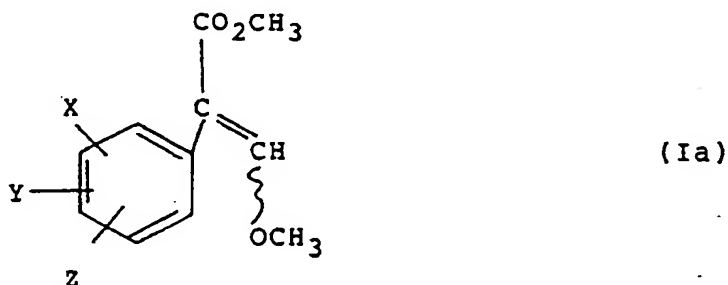
1. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



und Stereoisomere davon,

worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulfonyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylenedioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulfonylmethoxy, Phenylsulfonylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Crotyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinylloxy steht; oder, wenn Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulfonyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 und R^{10} , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; und Metallkomplexe davon.

2. Verbindungen nach Anspruch 1 der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)

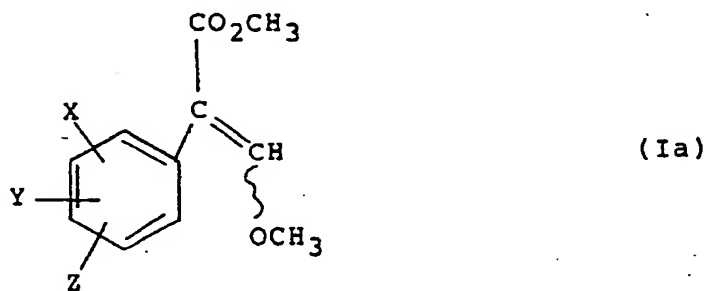


und Stereoisomere davon,

worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte

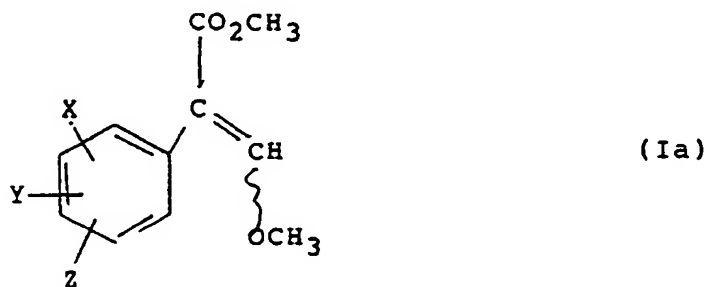
Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; und Metallkomplexe davon.

3. Verbindungen nach Anspruch 1 oder 2 der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



und Stereoisomere davon, worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; und Metallkomplexe davon.

4. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3 der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)

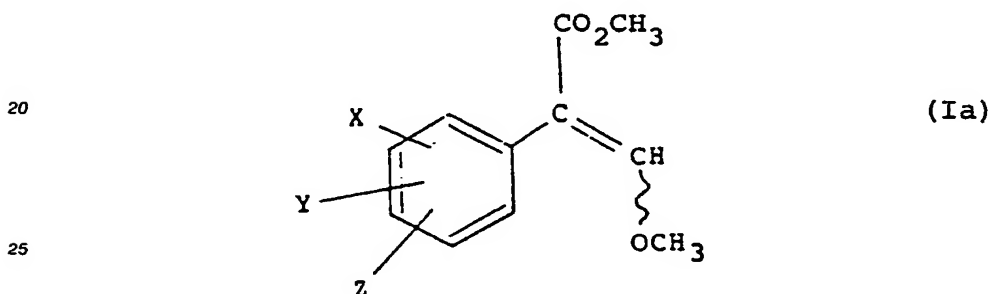


und Stereoisomere davon,

- worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, Amino-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; mit der Maßgabe, daß, X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; und Metallkomplexe davon.

5. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3 der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)

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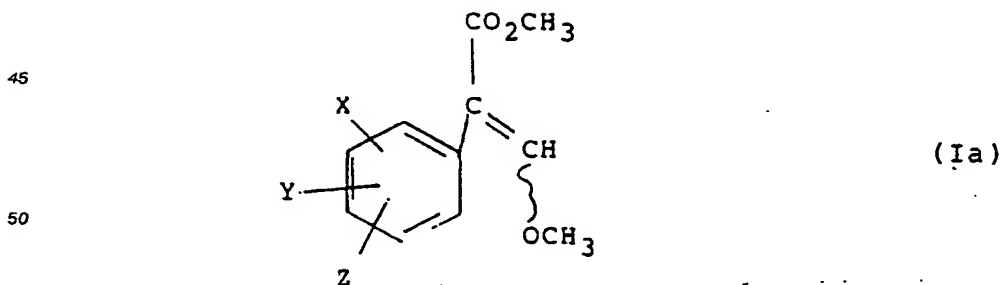


und Stereoisomere davon,

- worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen kondensierten aromatischen Ring bilden können; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Phenyl- oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl-Gruppen stehen.

6. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 3 der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)

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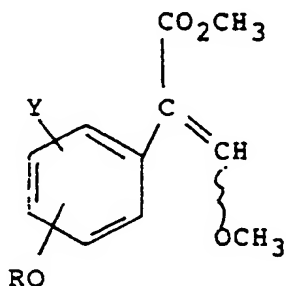
und Stereoisomere davon,

- worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-, Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atome oder C_{1-4} -Alkyl-, C_{2-5} -Alkenyl-, C_{2-5} -Alkynyl-, Phenyl-, C_{1-4} -Halogenoalkyl-, C_{1-4} -Alkoxy-, Phenoxy-, Benzyloxy oder Mono- oder Dialkylamino-Gruppen stehen, mit der Maßgabe, daß X,

Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen kondensierten aromatischen Ring bilden können;

wobei die aliphatischen Gruppen der vorstehenden gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren C₁-4-Alkoxy-Gruppen, Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen, gegebenenfalls selbst substituierten Phenyl-Ringen, gegebenenfalls selbst substituierten aromatischen oder nicht-aromatischen heterocyclischen Ringen, Nitro-, Amino-, Nitril-, Hydroxyl- oder Carboxyl-Gruppen substituiert sind und die Phenyl-Gruppen der vorstehenden gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen, Phenyl-Ringen, C₁-4-Alkyl-, C₁-4-Alkoxy-, Nitro-, Amino-, Nitril-, Hydroxyl- oder Carboxyl-Gruppen substituiert sind.

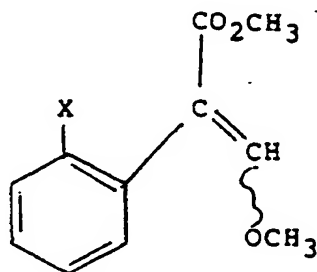
7. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4 der allgemeinen Formel (XI)



(XI)

worin R für eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Phenyl-Gruppe oder eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Benzyl-Gruppe steht und Y für ein Wasserstoff-, Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atom oder eine Methyl-, Methoxy-, Nitro-, Nitril-, Carboxyl- oder Methoxycarbonyl-Gruppe steht.

8. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 der allgemeinen Formel (XII)

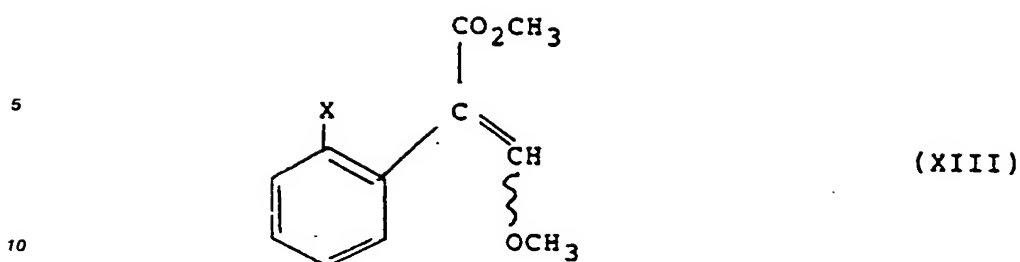


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und Stereoisomere davon,

worin X für eine Alkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, Aryloxy- oder Arylalkoxy-Gruppe steht, von denen jede gegebenenfalls substituiert ist.

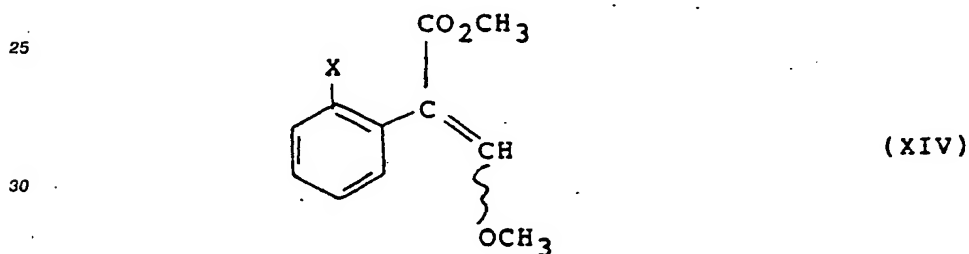
9. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 oder 8 der allgemeinen Formel (XIII)



und Stereoisomere davon,
 worin X für eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl- oder gegeben-
 15 enfalls substituierte Alkynyl-Gruppe steht.

10. Verbindungen nach Anspruch 9, worin die fakultativen Substituenten aus Phenyl bestehen, das
 gegebenenfalls selbst mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen oder C₁₋₄-Alkyl-, C₁₋₄-
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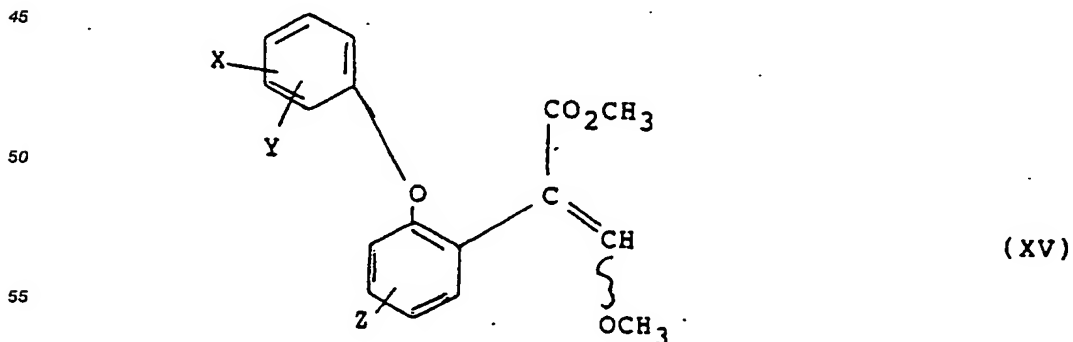
11. Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 oder 8 der allgemeinen Formel (XIV)



35 und Stereoisomere davon,
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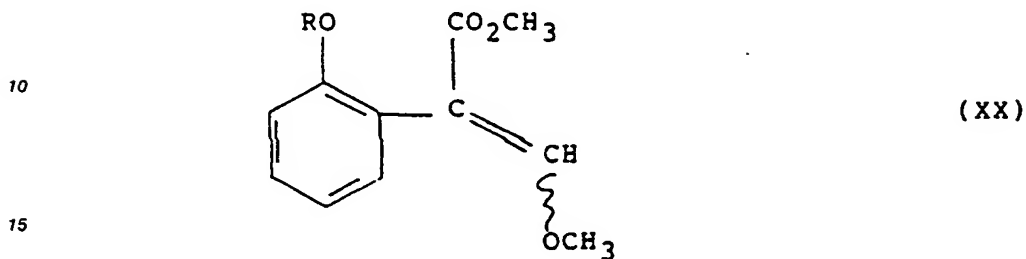
12. Verbindungen nach Anspruch 11, worin X für eine Phenoxy- oder Benzyloxy-Gruppe steht, die beide
 40 gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen oder Methyl-, Methoxy-, Ethyl-,
 Ethoxy-, Nitro-, Nitril-, Carboxyl- oder Methoxycarbonyl-Gruppen substituiert sind.

13. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (XV)



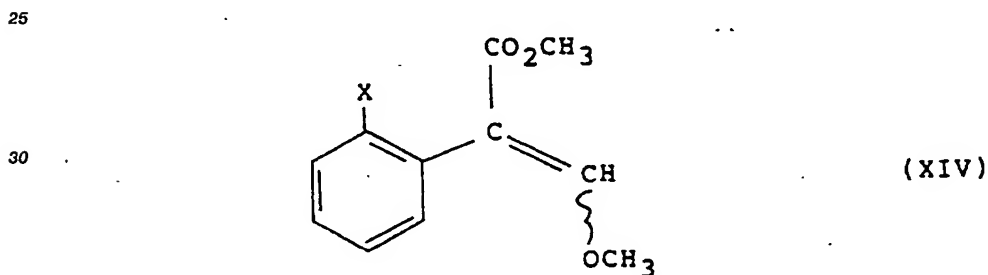
und Stereoisomere davon,
worin X, Y und Z, die gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Fluor-, Chlor-, Brom- oder Wasserstoff-
Atome oder Methyl-, Methoxy- oder Nitro-Gruppen stehen.

5 14. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (XX)



und Stereoisomere davon,
20 worin R für Wasserstoff, Cyclohexyl, Allyl, E-(3-Phenyl)allyl, Methallyl, E-Crotyl, 2-Tetrahydropyranyl, Pyridyl, 2-(5'-CF₃-Pyridyl), Pyrimidinyl, Methylsulfenylmethyl oder Phenylsulfenylmethyl steht.

15. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (XIV)



und Stereoisomere davon,
worin X für Phenylsulfenyl oder Phenylsulfinyl steht.

40 16. Verbindungen nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, worin die Acrylat-Gruppe die E-Geometrie aufweist.

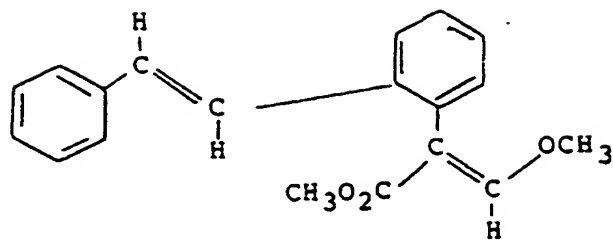
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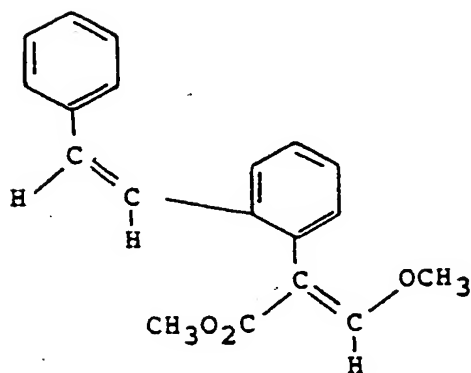
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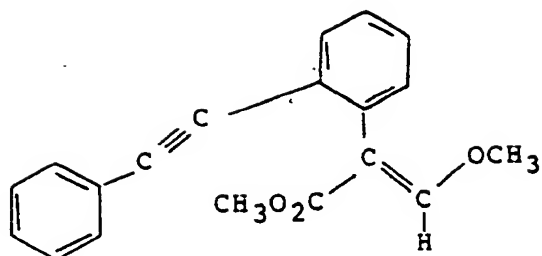
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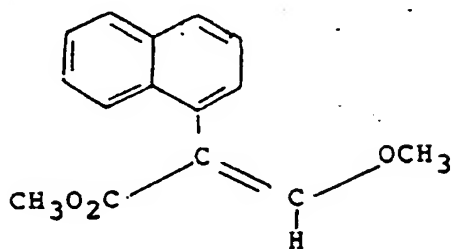
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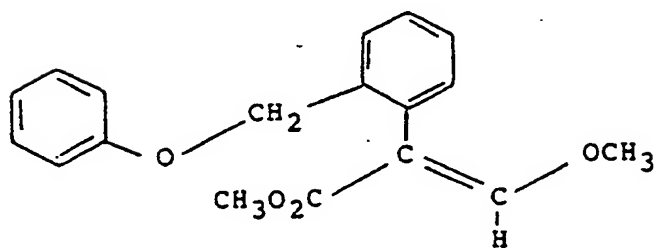
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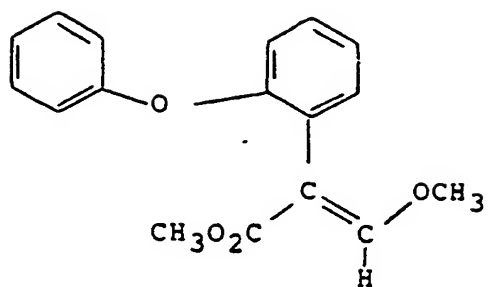
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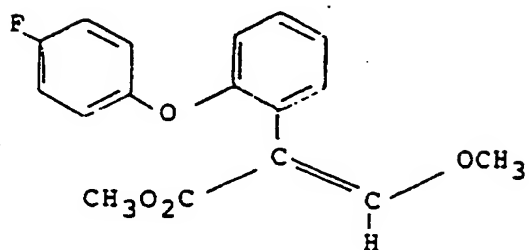
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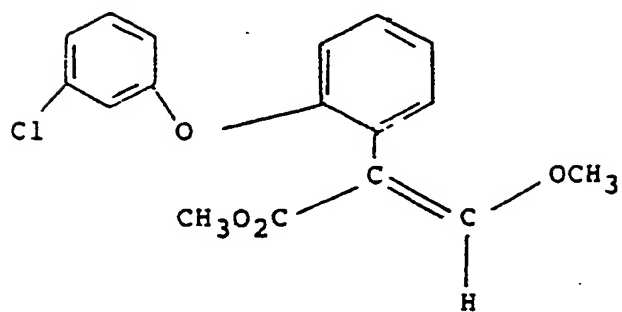
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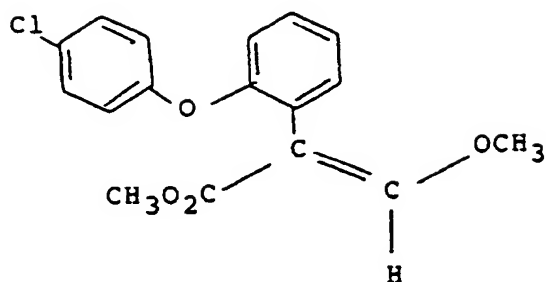
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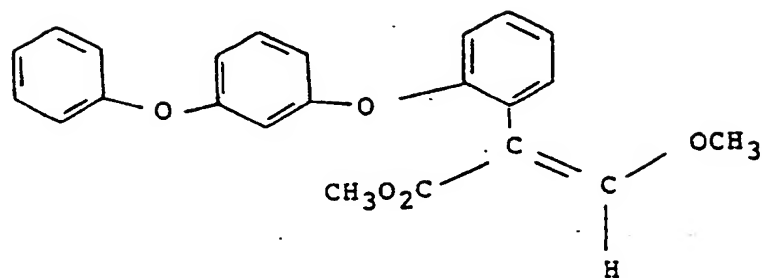
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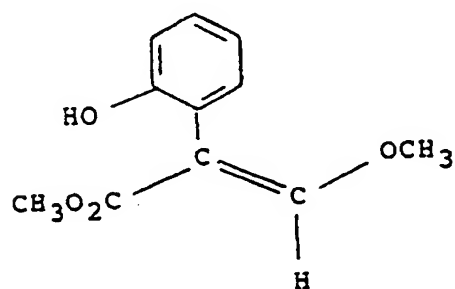
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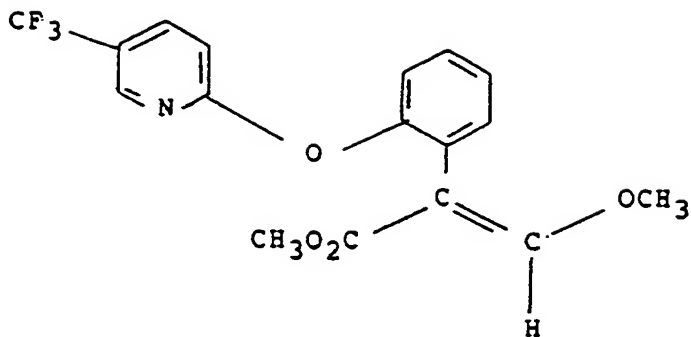
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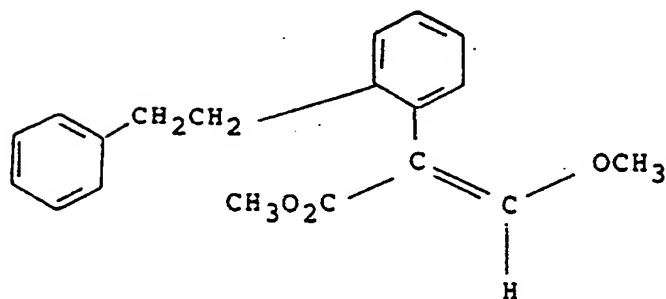
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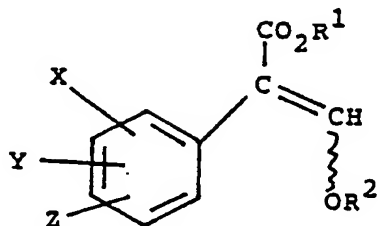
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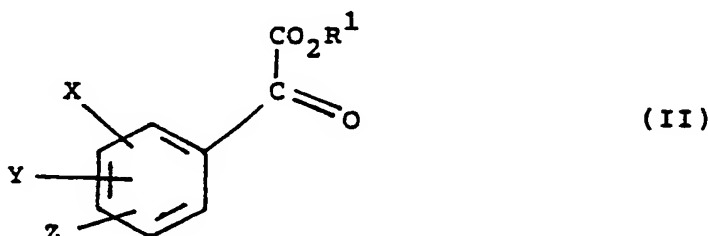


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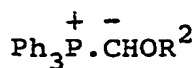
oder ein Stereoisomeres davon,
 worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome
 oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substitu-
 ierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte
 Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenen-
 falls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, -CO₂R³,

-CONR⁴R⁵, -COR⁶, -CR⁷=NR⁸ oder -N=CR⁹R¹⁰-Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn R¹ und R² beide für Methyl stehen, Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulfenyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylenedioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulfenylmethoxy, Phenylsulfenylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Crotyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinyl oxy steht; oder, wenn R¹ und R² beide für Methyl stehen und Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulfenyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; und R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ und R¹⁰, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; oder einen Metallkomplex davon; und einen festen Träger oder einen flüssigen Träger, der ein Netz-, Dispergier- oder Emulgiermittel aufweist, enthält.

19. Pesticide oder das Pflanzenwachstum regulierende Zusammensetzung, welche als aktiven Bestandteil eine Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 17 zusammen mit einem Träger hierfür enthält.
20. Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 19, welche eine fungicide Zusammensetzung ist.
21. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 17 und der in den Zusammensetzungen nach Anspruch 18 vorkommenden Verbindungen, bei welchem eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (II)

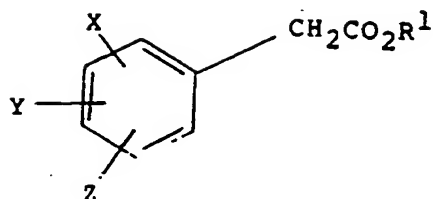


worin R¹, X, Y und Z die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, aber R¹ nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, mit einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (V)



worin R² die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt, aber nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, umgesetzt wird.

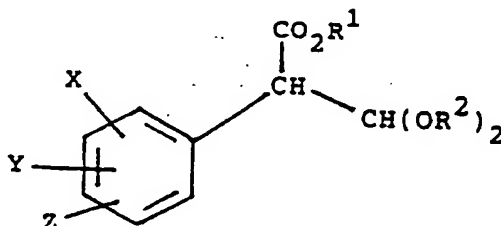
22. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 17 und der in den Zusammensetzungen nach Anspruch 18 vorkommenden Verbindungen, bei welchem eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (VII)



(VII)

worin X, Y, Z und R^1 die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, aber R^1 nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, mit einer Base und einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel HCO_2R^1 , worin R^1 die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt, aber nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, umgesetzt wird und hierauf im gleichen Reaktionsbehälter, oder in einer gesonderten Stufe unter Anwesenheit einer Base, die erhaltene Verbindung mit einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel R^2Q , worin R^2 die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt und Q für eine abspaltbare Gruppe steht, umgesetzt wird.

23. Verfahren zur Herstellung von Verbindungen nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 17 und der in den Zusammensetzungen nach Anspruch 18 vorkommenden Verbindungen, bei welchem eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (VIII)



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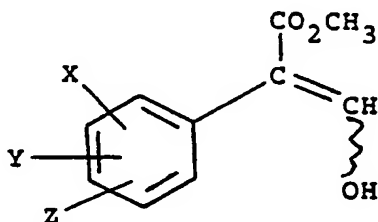
worin R^1 , R^2 , X, Y und Z die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, mit einem geeigneten sauren oder basischen Reagenz umgesetzt wird.

24. Verfahren zur Bekämpfung von Schädlingen oder zur Regulierung des Pflanzenwachstums, bei welchem auf eine Pflanze, auf den Samen einer Pflanze oder auf die Umgebung der Pflanze oder des Samens eine Verbindung nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 17, eine Verbindung nach Anspruch 18 oder eine Zusammensetzung nach einem der Ansprüche 18 bis 20 aufgebracht wird.

25. Verfahren nach Anspruch 24, bei welchem der Schädling aus einem Pflanzenpilz besteht.

26. Die Bekämpfung von Unkräutern oder Insektenschädlingen oder die Regulierung des Pflanzenwachstums durch ein Verfahren nach Anspruch 24.

27. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (Ib)

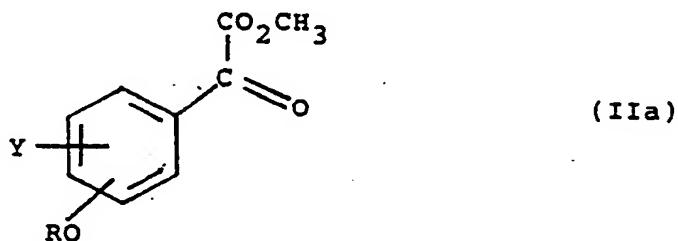


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und Stereoisomere davon,

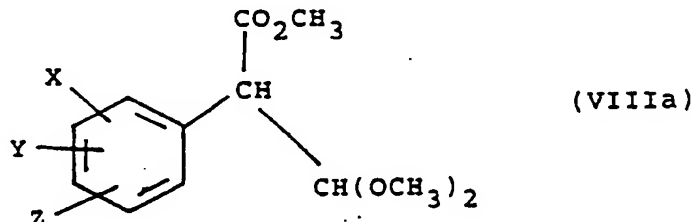
worin Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sind, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^5$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen stehen; X für eine substituierte Alkyl-, mit Ausnahme einer Halogenoalkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^5$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen steht; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulphenyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylenedioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulphenylmethoxy, Phenylsulphenylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Cortyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'-CF₃-Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinyloxy steht; oder, wenn Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulphenyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; und R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹ und R¹⁰, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

28. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (IIa)



worin R für eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Phenyl- oder eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Benzyl-Gruppe steht und Y für ein Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atom oder eine Methyl-, Methoxy-, Nitro-, Nitril-, Carboxyl- oder Methoxycarbonyl-Gruppe steht, mit der Maßgabe, daß, wenn Y für Wasserstoff steht, RO nicht für 2,4-Dichlorophenoxy, 2- oder 4-Benzoyloxy, 2-(4-Methylbenzyloxy), 2-(4-Chlorobenzyloxy), 3-(2-Chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy) oder 3-Phenoxy steht und daß, wenn Y für 2-Nitro steht, RO nicht für 5-(2-Chloro-4-trifluoromethylphenoxy) steht.

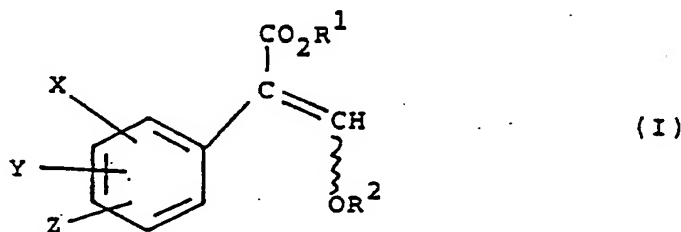
29. Verbindungen der allgemeinen Formel (VIIIa)



worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulphenyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylendioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulphenylmethoxy, Phenylsulphenylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Crotyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinylloxy steht; oder, wenn Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulphenyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Fluoro, 2-Benzoylamino, 4-Chloro, 4-Methyl oder 4-Methoxy steht und daß, wenn Z für Wasserstoff steht, X und Y nicht 3,4-Methylendioxy bilden; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 und R^{10} , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

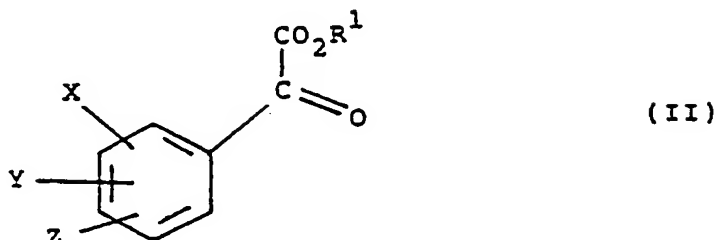
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1. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (I)

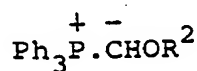


oder eines Stereoisomeren davon,
 worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7 = \text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N} = \text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn R^1 und R^2 beide für Methyl stehen, Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulphenyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylendioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulphenylmethoxy, Phenylsulphenylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Crotyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinylloxy steht; oder, wenn R^1 und R^2 beide für Methyl stehen und Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulphenyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; und R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 und R^{10} , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen; bei welchem

(i) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (II)

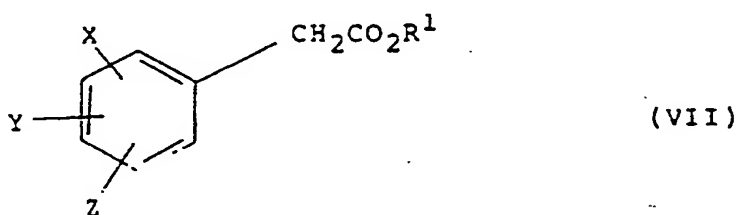


worin R^1 , X, Y und Z die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, aber R^1 nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, mit einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (V)



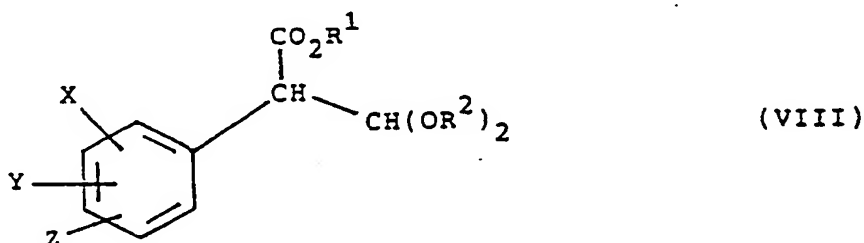
worin R^2 die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt, aber nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, umgesetzt wird; oder

(ii) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (VII)



worin X, Y, Z und R^1 die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, aber R^1 nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, mit einer Base und einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel HCO_2R^1 , worin R^1 die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt, aber nicht für ein Wasserstoff-Atom steht, umgesetzt wird und hierauf im gleichen Reaktionsbehälter, oder in einer gesonderten Stufe unter Anwesenheit einer Base, die erhaltene Verbindung mit einer Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel R^2Q , worin R^2 die oben angegebene Bedeutung besitzt und Q für eine abspaltbare Gruppe steht, umgesetzt wird; oder

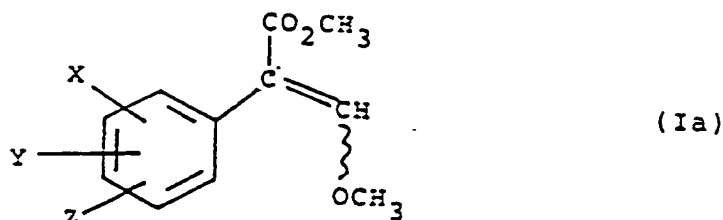
(iii) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (VIII)



worin R^1 , R^2 , X, Y und Z die oben angegebenen Bedeutungen besitzen, mit einem geeigneten

sauren oder basischen Reagenz umgesetzt wird.

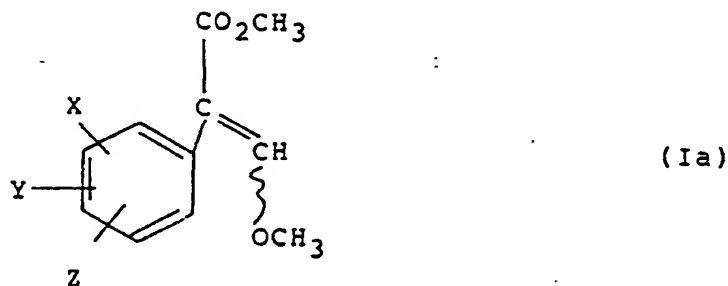
2. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,

worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$, $-\text{COR}^6$, $-\text{CR}^7=\text{NR}^8$ oder $-\text{N}=\text{CR}^9\text{R}^{10}$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; oder, wenn Y für Wasserstoff, Fluoro, Chloro, Methyl, Nitro, 5-Trifluoromethyl, 5-Methylsulfonyl oder 4-N,N-Dimethylamino und Z für Wasserstoff steht, oder, wenn Y für 3-Nitro und Z für 5-Chloro oder 5-Nitro steht, oder, wenn Y für 4-Methoxy und Z für 5-Methoxy steht, oder, wenn Y und Z zusammen 4,5-Methylenedioxy bilden, X, welches sich in der 2-Stellung des Phenyl-Rings befindet, für Hydroxy, Methylsulfonylmethoxy, Phenylsulfonylmethoxy, Cyclohexyloxy, Allyloxy, Methallyloxy, (E)-Phenylallyloxy, (E)-Crotyloxy, 2-Tetrahydropyranyloxy, Pyridyloxy, 2-(5'- CF_3 -Pyridyl)oxy oder Pyrimidinylloxy steht; oder, wenn Y und Z beide für Wasserstoff stehen, X für 2-Phenylsulfonyl, 2-Phenylsulfinyl oder 2-Phenylsulfonyl steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 und R^{10} , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

3. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)

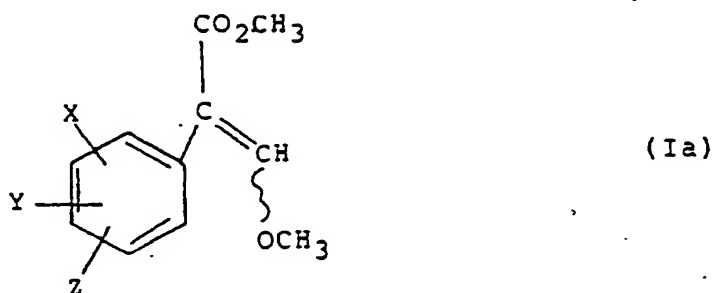


oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,

worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylazo-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$,

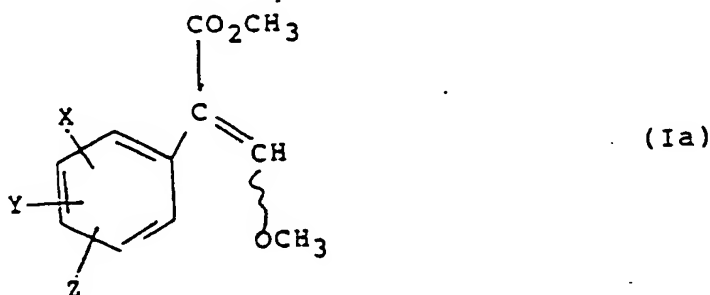
-CONR⁴R⁵ oder -COR⁶ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R³, R⁴, R⁵ und R⁶, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

4. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist, worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Acyloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, -CO₂R³, -CONR⁴R⁵ oder -COR⁶ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen aromatischen oder aliphatischen kondensierten Ring bilden können, der gegebenenfalls ein oder mehrere Heteroatome enthält; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R³, R⁴, R⁵ und R⁶, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

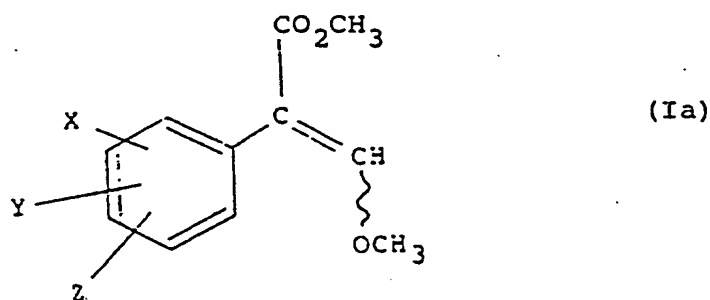
5. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,

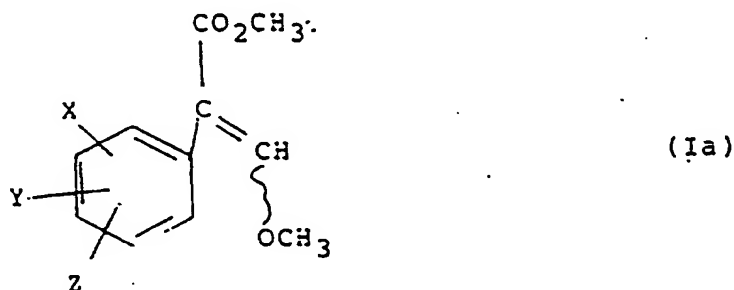
worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, Halogenoalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, Amino-, Acylamino-, Nitro-, Nitril-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$, $-\text{CONR}^4\text{R}^5$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; mit der Maßgabe, daß, X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen, daß, wenn X und Y beide für Wasserstoff stehen, Z nicht für 2-Benzoylamino steht und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 , R^4 , R^5 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-Atome oder Alkyl-, Cycloalkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl- oder Cycloalkylalkyl-Gruppen stehen.

6. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist, worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff- oder Halogen-Atome oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-, Alkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Aryloxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Arylalkoxy-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Amino-, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}^3$ oder $-\text{COR}^6$ -Gruppen stehen; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen kondensierten aromatischen Ring bilden können; mit der Maßgabe, daß X, Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; und R^3 und R^6 , welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Phenyl- oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Aralkyl-Gruppen stehen.

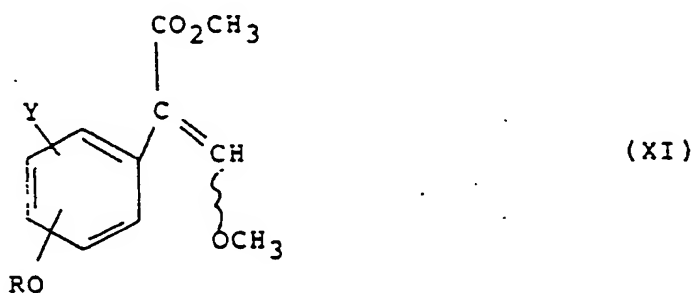
7. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (Ia)



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist, worin X, Y und Z, welche gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Wasserstoff-, Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atome oder C_{1-4} -Alkyl-, C_{2-5} -Alkenyl-, C_{2-5} -Alkynyl-, Phenyl-, C_{1-4} -Halogenoalkyl-, C_{1-4} -Alkoxy-, Phenoxy-, Benzyloxy oder Mono- oder Dialkylamino-Gruppen stehen, mit der Maßgabe, daß X,

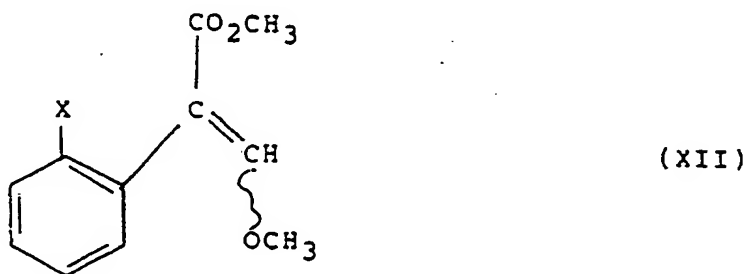
Y und Z nicht alle für Wasserstoff stehen und daß, wenn X für Wasserstoff und Y für 3-Methoxy steht, Z nicht für 4-Methoxy steht; oder die Gruppen X und Y, wenn sie sich am Phenyl-Ring in Nachbarstellung befinden, gemeinsam einen kondensierten aromatischen Ring bilden können; wobei die aliphatischen Gruppen der vorstehenden gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren C₁₋₄-Alkoxy-Gruppen, Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen, gegebenenfalls selbst substituierten Phenyl-Ringen, gegebenenfalls selbst substituierten aromatischen oder nicht-aromatischen heterocyclischen Ringen, Nitro-, Amino-, Nitril-, Hydroxyl- oder Carboxyl-Gruppen substituiert sind und die Phenyl-Gruppen der vorstehenden gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen, Phenyl-Ringen, C₁₋₄-Alkyl-, C₁₋₄-Alkoxy-, Nitro-, Amino-, Nitril-, Hydroxyl- oder Carboxyl-Gruppen substituiert sind.

8. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (XI) ist



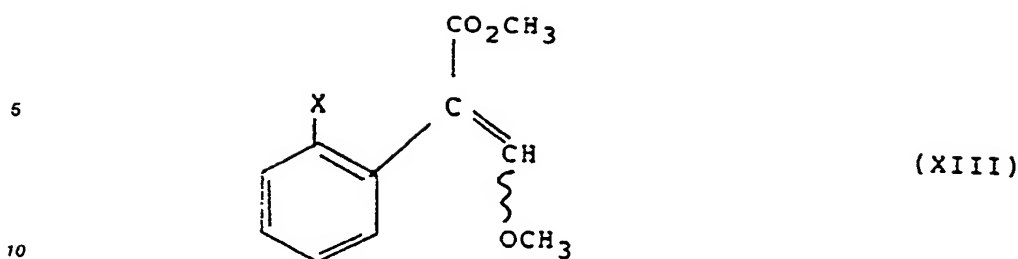
9. worin R für eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Phenyl-Gruppe oder eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Benzyl-Gruppe steht und Y für ein Wasserstoff-, Fluor, Chlor- oder Brom-Atom oder eine Methyl-, Methoxy-, Nitro-, Nitril-, Carboxyl- oder Methoxycarbonyl-Gruppe steht.

9. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (XII) ist



oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist, worin X für eine Alkyl-, Alkenyl-, Alkynyl-, Aryloxy- oder Arylalkoxy-Gruppe steht, von denen jede gegebenenfalls substituiert ist.

10. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (XIII) ist

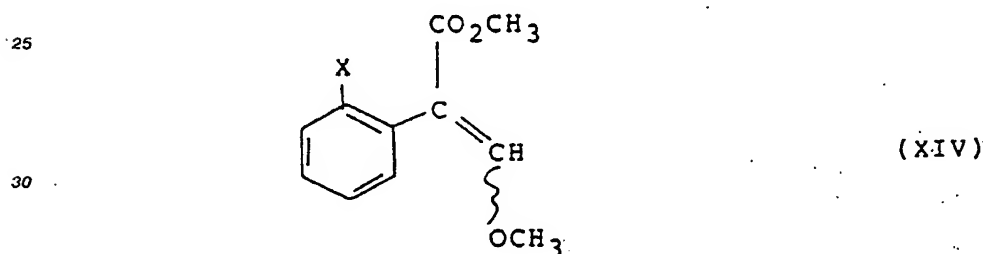


oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,

worin X für eine gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkyl-, gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkenyl- oder gegebenenfalls substituierte Alkynyl-Gruppe steht.

11. Verfahren nach Anspruch 10, bei welchem die fakultativen Substituenten aus Phenyl bestehen, das gegebenenfalls selbst mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen oder C₁-4-Alkyl-, C₁-4-Alkoxy- oder Nitro-Gruppen substituiert ist.

12. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (XIV)

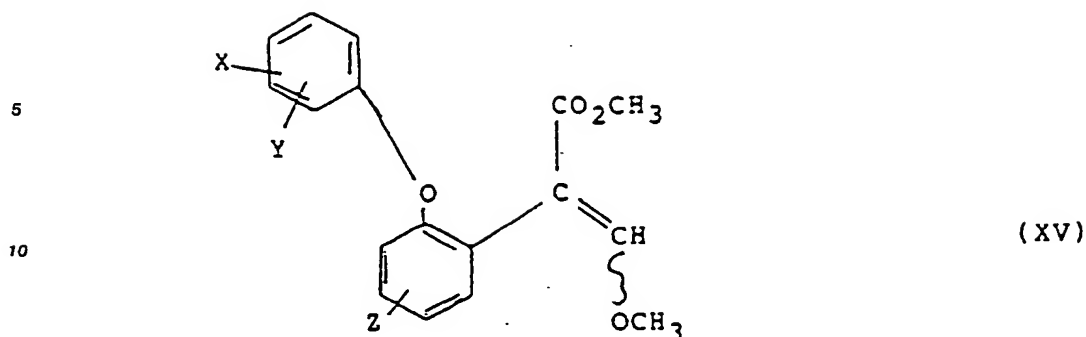


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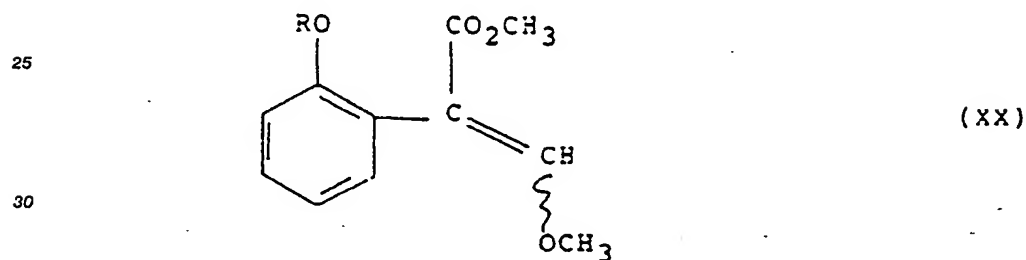
13. Verfahren nach Anspruch 12, bei welchem X für eine Phenoxy- oder Benzyloxy-Gruppe steht, die beide gegebenenfalls mit ein oder mehreren Fluor-, Chlor- oder Brom-Atomen oder Methyl-, Methoxy-, Ethyl-, Ethoxy-, Nitro-, Nitril-, Carbonyl- oder Methoxycarbonyl-Gruppen substituiert sind.

14. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel (XV)



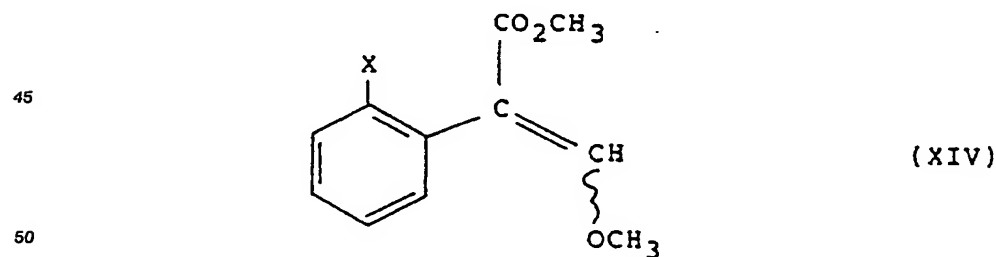
15 oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,
 worin X, Y und Z, die gleich oder verschieden sein können, für Fluor-, Chlor-, Brom- oder Wasserstoff-
 Atome oder Methyl-, Methoxy- oder Nitro-Gruppen stehen.

- 20 15. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel
 (XX)



35 oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,
 worin R für Wasserstoff, Cyclohexyl, Allyl, E-(3-Phenyl)allyl, Methallyl, E-Crotyl, 2-Tetrahydropyranyl,
 Pyridyl, 2-(5'-CF₃-Pyridyl), Pyrimidinyl, Methylsulfonylmethyl oder Phenylsulfonylmethyl steht.

- 40 16. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung der allgemeinen Formel
 (XIV)

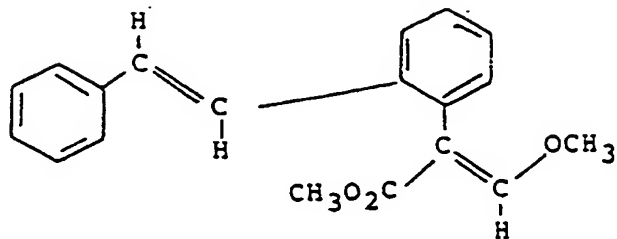


55 oder ein Stereoisomeres davon ist,
 worin X für Phenylsulfonyl oder Phenylsulfinyl steht.

17. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Acrylat-Gruppe der Verbindung (I) die E-Geometrie
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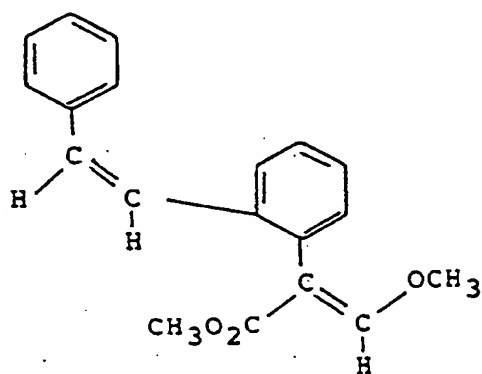
18. Verfahren nach Anspruch 1, bei welchem die Verbindung (I) eine Verbindung mit einer oder folgenden speziellen Formeln ist:

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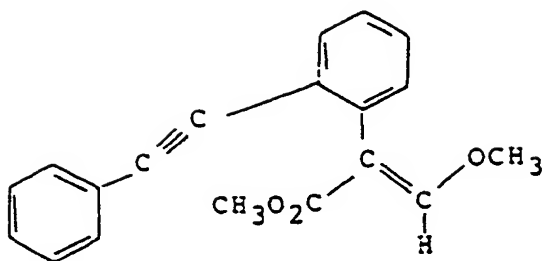
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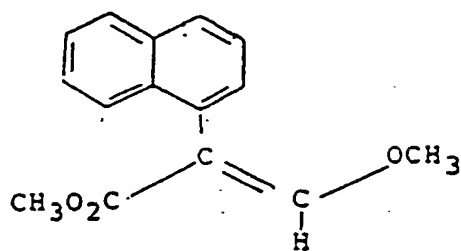
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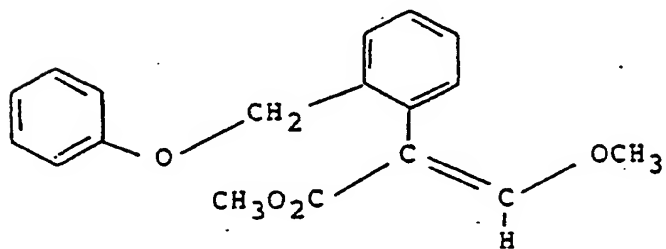
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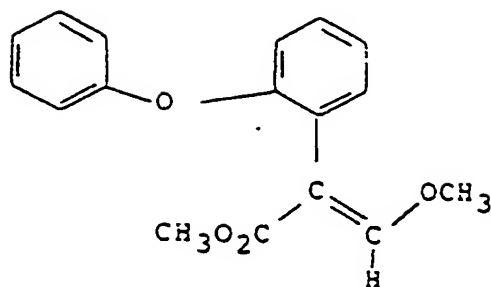
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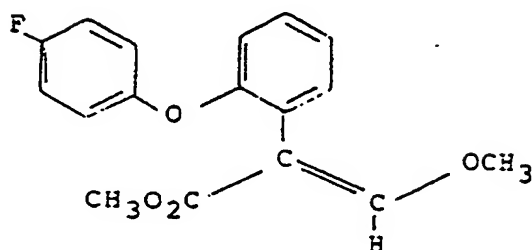
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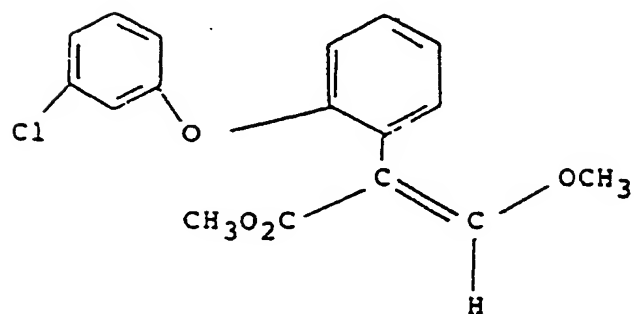
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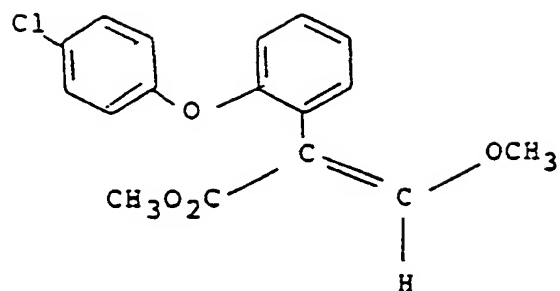
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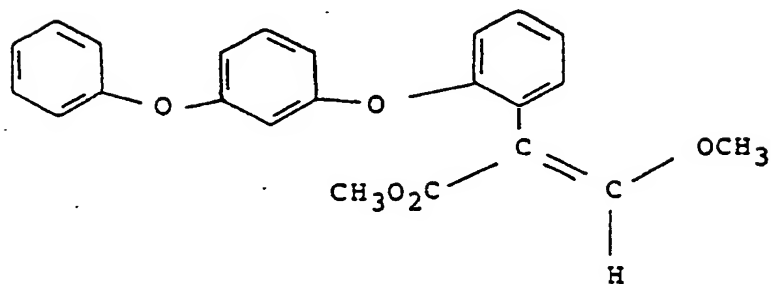
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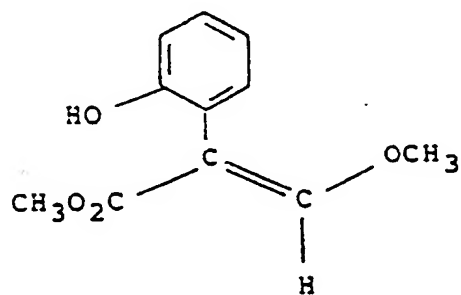
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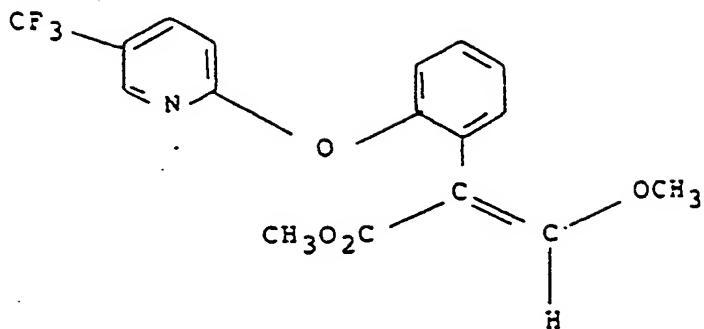
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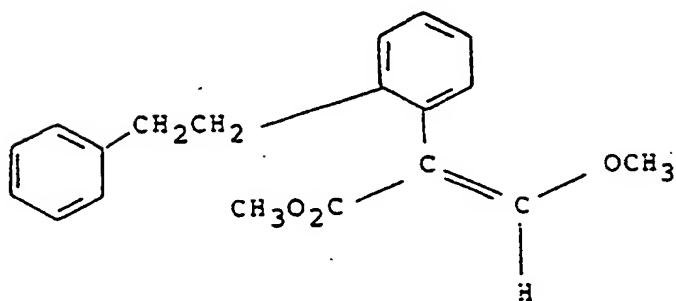
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(Verbindung Nr. 1 von Tabelle IV)

19. Verfahren zur Bekämpfung von Schädlingen oder zur Regulierung des Pflanzenwachstums, bei welchem auf eine Pflanze, auf den Samen einer Pflanze oder auf die Umgebung der Pflanze oder des Samens eine nach Anspruch 1 hergestellte Verbindung aufgebracht wird.

20. Verfahren nach Anspruch 19, bei welchem der Schädling aus einem Pflanzenpilz besteht.

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